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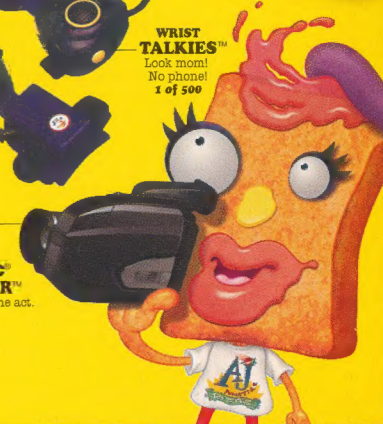
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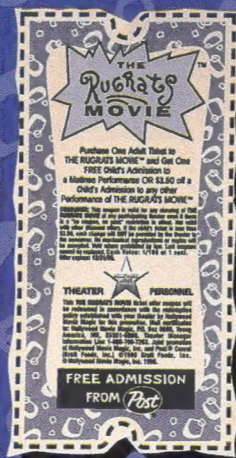
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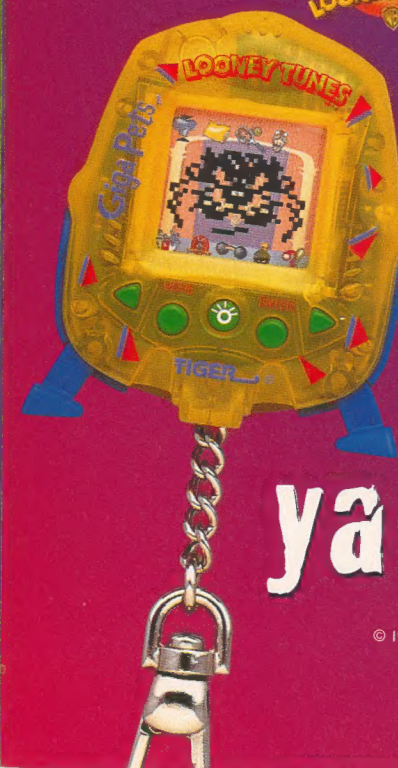
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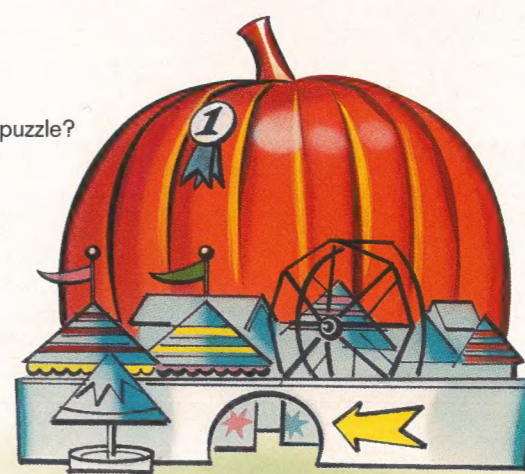
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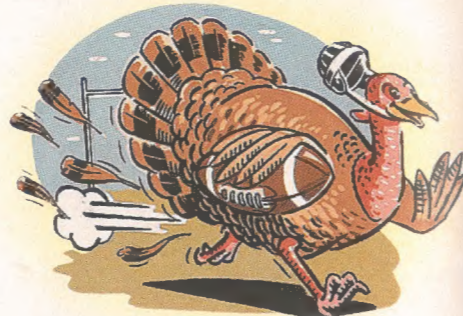
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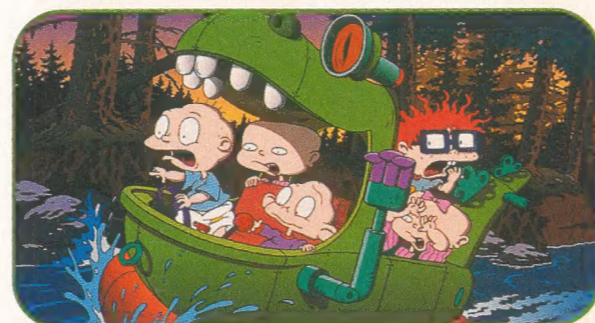


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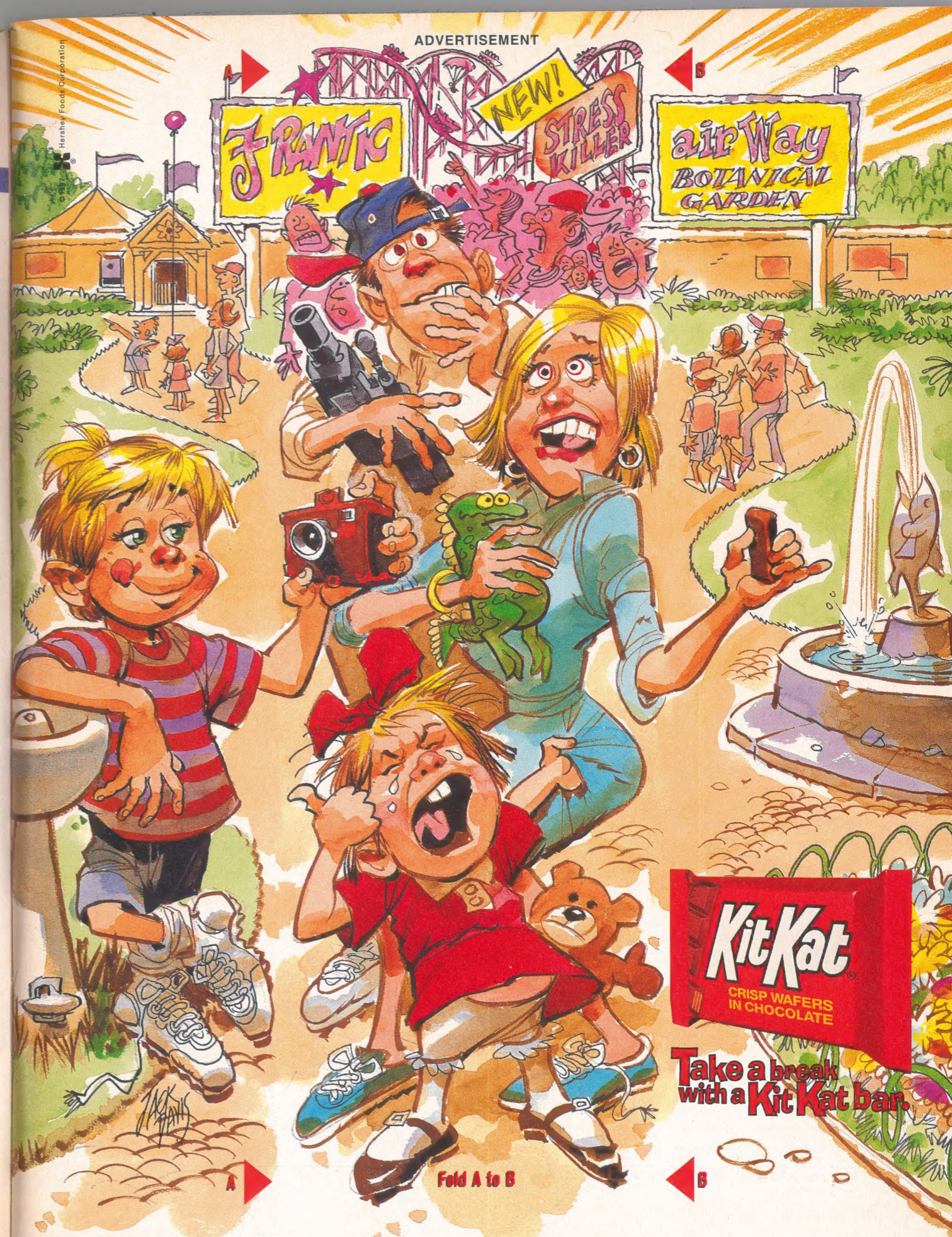


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Will you ever do a Farm Issue? I live on a farm with sheep, chickens, cows, pigs, goats, turtles, and an iguana.

Jennifer R., age 11
North Stonington, Connecticut

Dear Jennifer,
Don't have a cow. We weren't too chicken to do a Farm Issue—it's here! Now, can you call off the goats? They're eating all our paychecks!



Dear Nick Mag,
I sat down on my comfy sofa to read your magazine, and when I turned to page 3, a card fell out. A lot of stuff fell out of that issue. What should I do?

Alex P., age 12
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Alex,
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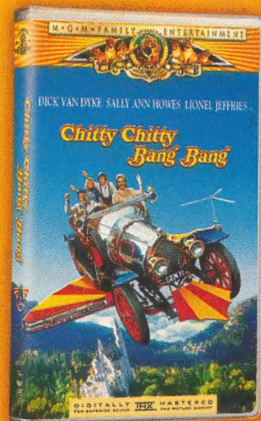
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Whatever We Want

Welcome to the Farm Issue

In honor of the harvest, we've devoted our November issue to the farm. Our **corn** has just cleared the bottom of the pages, and if the crow doesn't make off with all of our crop, we'll be sitting pretty come harvest time.



If Chickens Ruled the World

We wondered what the world would be like if some of our farm-animal friends took over.

If chickens ruled the world...

...it would be okay to chicken out of things.
...no one would ever feel cooped up.
...we'd always feel like chicken tonight.

If pigs ruled the world...

...we'd never have to clean our rooms.
...the perfume industry would stink.
...we'd automatically get seconds at lunch.

If cows ruled the world...

...they'd milk it for all they're worth.
...people would chew cud instead of gum.
...they'd really take the bull by the horns.

Some More Summer



Jennifer Love Hewitt
and Brandy sit still.

If the upcoming sequel to *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, called *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*, is as popular as the original, more *Summers* will probably follow. We'd like to nominate these titles:

I Just Forgot What I Did Last Summer

So...What Are You Doing This Summer?

*Everything I Know About What You Did Last Summer
I Learned in Kindergarten*

Do You Think I Even Care What You Did Last Summer?

I Have a Vague Memory of What You Did Last Summer

I Know That You Know That I Know What You Did Last Summer

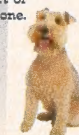
Why Don't You Ever Ask Me What I Did Last Summer?



THIS GUY ROCKS

Here is the comic character Concrete posing with Nick Mag's senior editor Chris Duffy and associate art director Vanessa Johnson at the San Diego Comic Convention.

And he has
a heart of
stone.



A Star ^{Real} Is Born

We harvested the thoughts of these celebrities.



Gillian Anderson

of *The X-Files* and *The Mighty*

There's a scene in *The X-Files* movie where Mulder and Scully run through a cornfield. What was that like?

A bit uncomfortable, actually. Corn leaves are quite sharp, and as we ran full speed, the leaves kept whacking us in the face. We couldn't put our hands up to protect our faces, either, because the camera had to capture our expressions. We underwent quite a lot of lashings from those leaves.

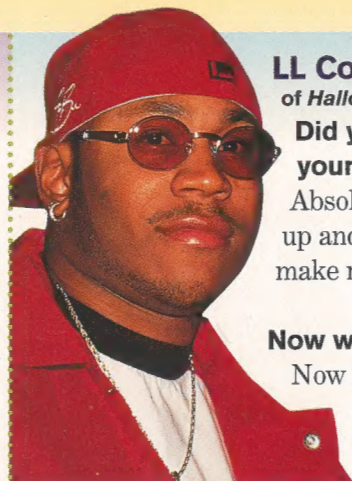
Which do you prefer: *Babe* or *Charlotte's Web*?

I loved them both, but I'd have to say *Charlotte's Web*, because it affected me so much when I was little. My mom used to read it to me and I *loved* it. Then I saw the movie and cried.

Do you like horseback riding?

Yes, but I've only done it a couple of times. Recently, I rode a horse in France, and that was my best horseback riding experience—because I actually stayed on!

This dog's not for riding.



LL Cool J

of *Halloween: H20*

Did your mom ever say that your room was a pigsty?

Absolutely. She used to come up and say "Oink, oink" and make me clean it up.

Now what is your room like?

Now my room is very clean, clean as a bird's nest.

Jeremy London

of *Party of Five*

Have you ever spent time on a farm?

Yes, I grew up on a ranch in Oklahoma.

What was your least favorite chore?

Waking up at 4:30 AM to feed our cows and horses was the worst. I worked harder before I was fourteen years old—when we moved to Dallas, Texas—than I'll ever work again. At least I hope so!



Keri Russell

of *Felicity*

Have you ever had to ride a horse for a part?

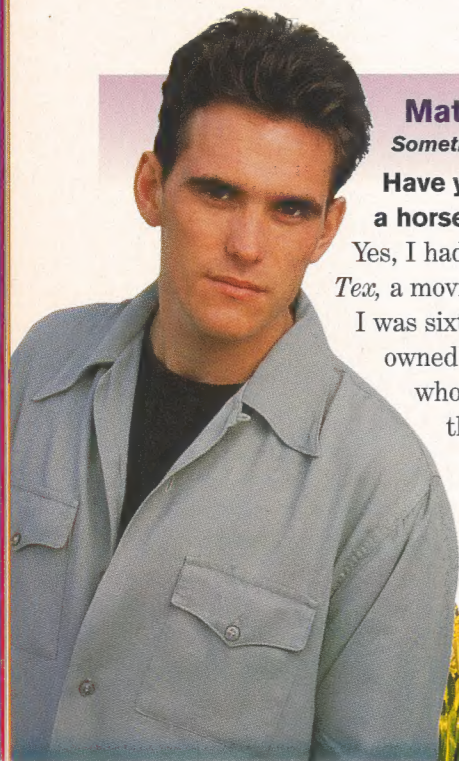
Growing up in Colorado and Arizona, I rode horses a lot—with Western-style saddles. At one audition, I had to ride a horse with an English-style saddle. I *thought* I'd be fine, but I'll give you a little hint: I didn't get the part!



Matt Dillon of *There's Something About Mary*

Have you ever had to ride a horse for a part?

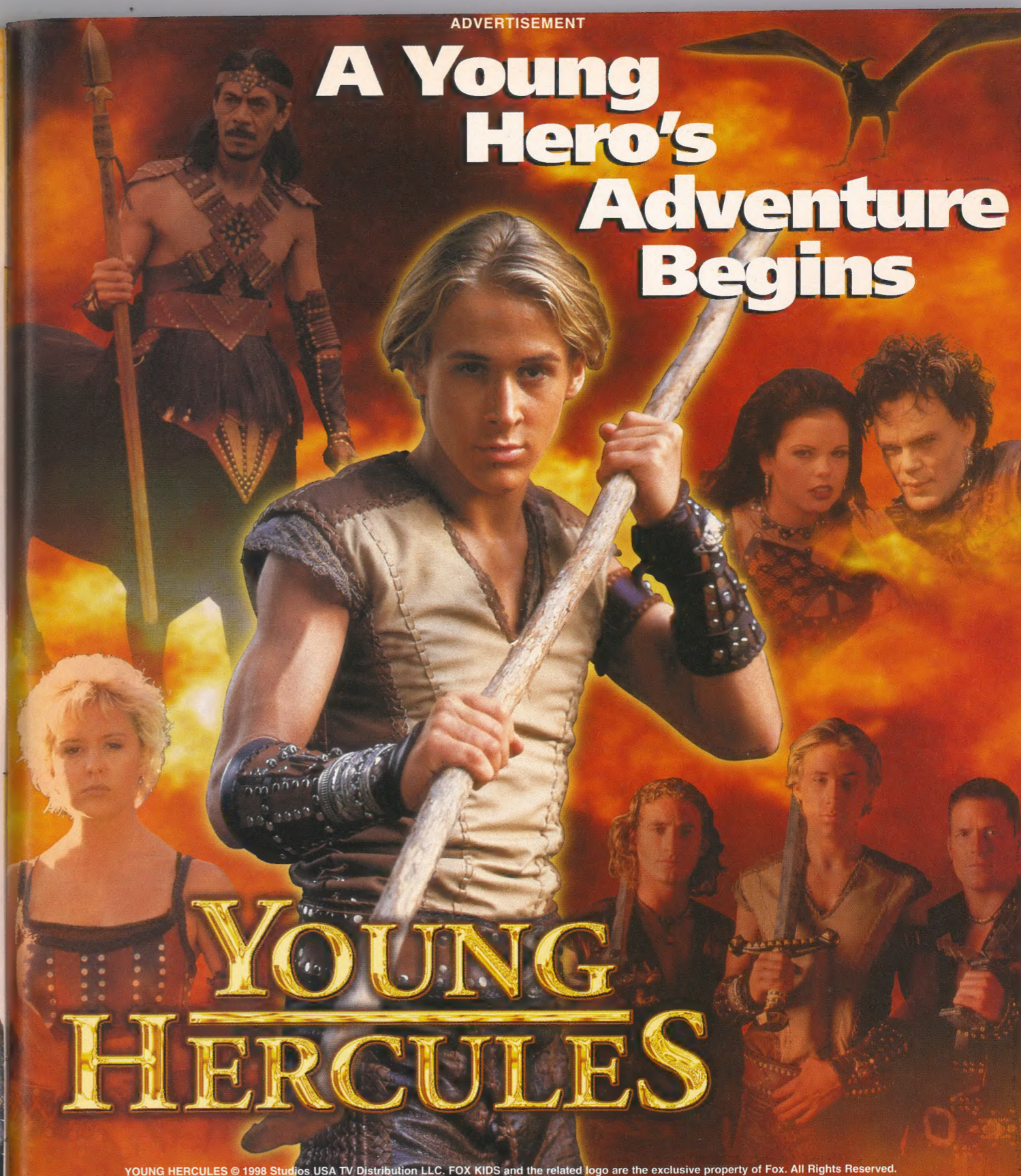
Yes, I had to learn how for *Tex*, a movie I was in when I was sixteen. The horse was owned by S.E. Hinton, who wrote the novel the movie was based on. I'm very comfortable on horses now.



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Answers on pages 119-120.

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- 1 Pigs dig around in mud:
 - a. looking for hidden treasure.
 - b. because they like to eat dirt.
 - c. to protect themselves from insects and overheating.
- 2 John Deere was:
 - a. Old MacDonald's brother-in-law.
 - b. a blacksmith who invented a special plow for thick soil.
 - c. the first person to see a deer.



- 3 How many stomachs does a cow have?
 - a. One stomach with four sections
 - b. Four stomachs
 - c. Thirty stomachs and a two-car pancreas



- 4 When farmers rotate their crops, it means they:
 - a. grow them on a merry-go-round.
 - b. raise different crops in the same field every year to revitalize the soil.
 - c. swap their fields with other farmers to cut down on boredom.
- 5 A grain elevator is:
 - a. for lazy grains to use instead of stairs.
 - b. a tall building for processing and storing grain.
 - c. a platform on which grain is grown to make it look taller.
- 6 Hay must be carefully dried before storage or the:
 - a. cattle will complain.
 - b. farmer's mom will call his barn a pigsty.
 - c. heat produced by rotting hay could start a fire.

- 7 What explorer first brought corn from America to Europe?
 - a. Columbus
 - b. Marcorni
 - c. Cornquisto Dorito

Above or Below?

Do these foods grow above ground or underground? Write above or below in the blanks provided.

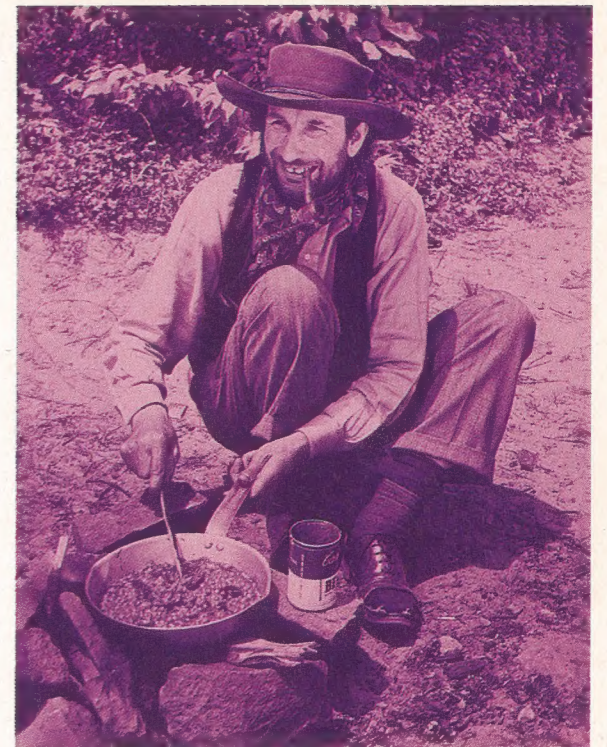
1. _____ potatoes
2. _____ corn
3. _____ celery
4. _____ onions
5. _____ strawberries

Tilling the True and False

Are the following statements true or false? Circle T or F.



- 1 T F The *Star Wars* character Luke Skywalker grew up on a farm.
- 2 T F President Harry S Truman rode into the Oval Office every morning on the back of a goat.
- 3 T F Roosters in Los Angeles now come with snooze buttons.
- 4 T F "Stinking smut" and "loose smut" are two diseases that attack wheat.



- 5 T F Cowboys regurgitate their food and chew on it throughout the day.
- 6 T F The Hopi Indians sing to their crops to help them grow.
- 7 T F Farmers sometimes use lasers to make sure their fields are level.
- 8 T F Milk from foreign cows cannot be made into American cheese.
- 9 T F There are two varieties of hay—one grows in cubes and one in rolls.
- 10 T F To date, no cows have jumped over the moon.



How about dogs?

Old MacDonald Had a Worm

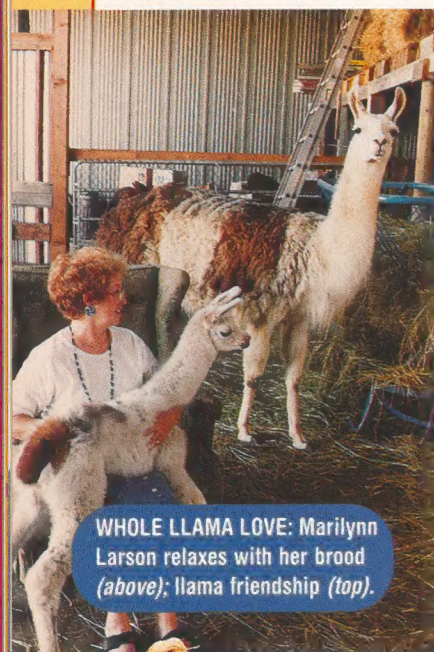
Not every farm has cows mooing, chickens clucking, ducks quacking, and wheat, er, whatevering. Here are six farms that raise things that will make you raise your eyebrows.

by Andrew Brisman

Real

Llama Ffarma

At New Horizons Llamas in Mount Vernon, Washington, you always see lots of smiles—on the 55 adorable llamas that live there. Jim and Marilyn Larson raise these smart South American creatures for their wool and to sell them to other farmers as pets, pack animals, or guards for livestock. (Llamas are good at carrying loads and chasing away coyotes and wolves.)



WHOLE LLAMA LOVE: Marilyn Larson relaxes with her brood (above); llama friendship (top).

Because llamas are herd animals, they don't like to be alone—at least two must be together at all times. Marilyn says you can sometimes see the herd playfully "pronking" (taking bouncing leaps) at sunset around the 15-acre farm. Like their camel cousins, llamas spit when threatened or annoyed. Luckily, the Larsons and their visitors have never been the target of a llama loogie.



See Ya, Gator

Gatorland in Orlando, Florida, is a 70-acre alligator farm, research center, and tourist attraction. Most of the park's 3,000 gators are raised for their skin (which is used for boots, wallets, and shoes) and for their meat.

Visitors to Gatorland can see hundreds of alligators at home in a mucky swamp, as well as get a taste of the cold-blooded critters: The farm serves up former residents as gator ribs and gator nuggets. Do the alligators ever get to eat visitors in the interest of fairness? No, says Flavio Morrissiey, the farm's curator of zoological services. The reptiles are fed meatballs made of beef, fish meal, and chicken liver. (Whew.)

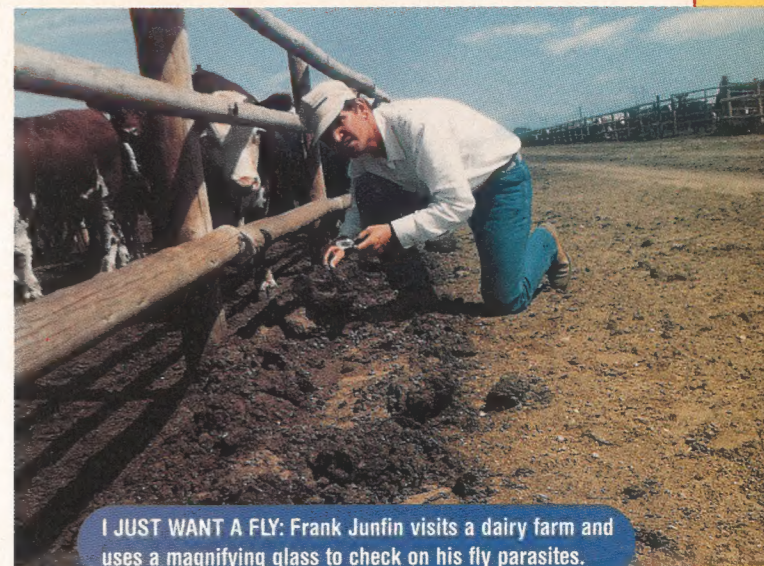


OPEN WIDE: Look but don't touch at Gatorland.

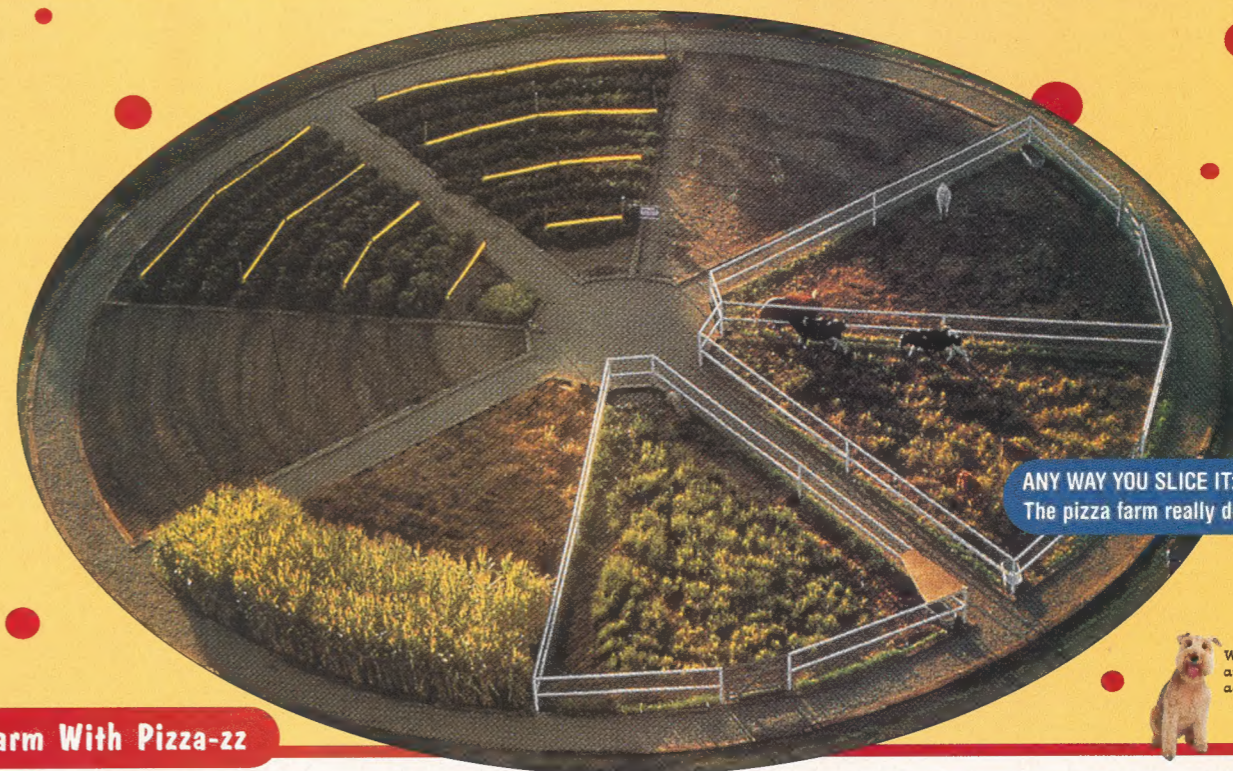
Bringing Up Buggies

Sometimes the best way to fight a bug is with another bug. That's why Frank and Adele Junfin raise billions of trichogramma wasps, green lacewings, and fly parasites on their insect farm in Quemado, Texas. Other farmers buy these mighty mites to eat pests, such as aphids, moths, and flies, which destroy crops, ruin gardens, and spread diseases to farm animals.

According to Frank, insect farming requires a lot of special cages and careful handling. For example, trichogramma wasps are so small that 5,000 eggs fit on a one-square-inch piece of paper. A strong stomach probably helps the insect farmers, too, because they often have to handle millions of maggots (which are baby flies). But it's not all ugly bugs at the Junfins' insectary. Frank and Adele are now working on raising everyone's favorite insect, the ladybug.



I JUST WANT A FLY: Frank Junfin visits a dairy farm and uses a magnifying glass to check on his fly parasites.



ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT: The pizza farm really delivers.

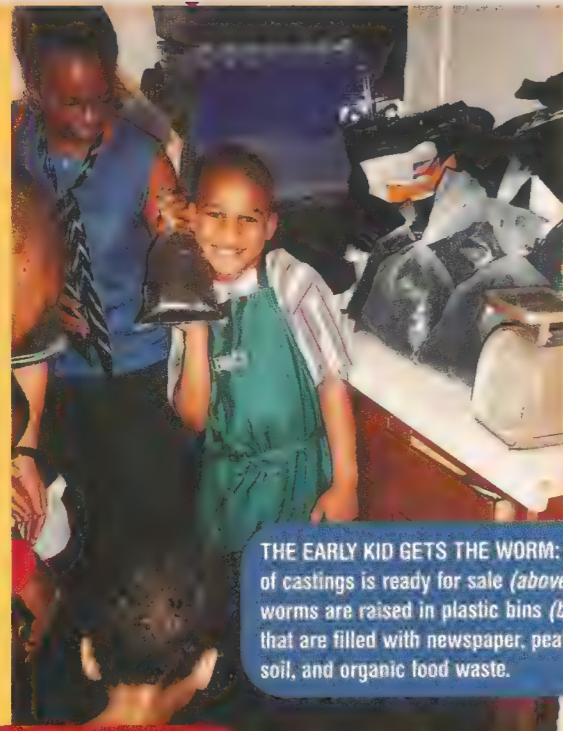
A Farm With Pizza-zz

At Darren Schmall's Pizza Farm, you won't find pepperoni slices hanging from trees or sprouting from the ground. Instead, the circular farm in Madera, California, is divided into eight triangular "slices," on which Darren grows more than 20 crops that could be used as pizza ingredients. He raises wheat for crust, cows for cheese, and tomatoes for sauce. And don't

forget the toppings: He also raises peppers, mushrooms, garlic, olives, pigs (for the pepperoni), and even some pineapples.

Darren created the farm to teach people about agriculture. Although he doesn't make any actual pizzas there, the one-third-acre farm could hold 8,789 large pies. D'ough!

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THE EARLY KID GETS THE WORM: A bag of castings is ready for sale (above); worms are raised in plastic bins (below) that are filled with newspaper, peat moss, soil, and organic food waste.

City Squigglers

In the basement of a Chicago high-rise apartment building, 10 kids get together every day for some vermiculture. That's a *good* thing. It means they're raising worms—in this case, 300,000 red worms inside 60 bins of soil.

Each week, the kids feed the crawlers 100 pounds of leftover food, such as rotten vegetables and fruit, coffee grounds, and tea bags. The hungry wrigglers produce valuable poop, called castings, which is sold to gardeners and plant nurseries as fertilizer.

Heifer Project International helped the young neighbors get into the worm business to earn money. Now the kids would like to expand their farm to 2,000 pounds of worms—or 6 million super poopers—squirring in the basement.



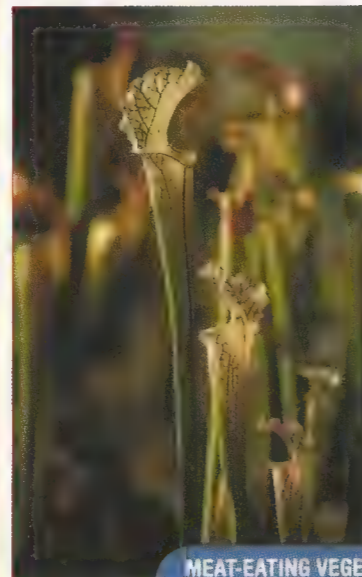
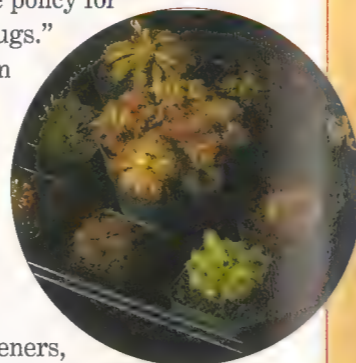
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Little Farm of Horrors

At California Carnivores, the policy for visitors is "bring your own bugs." That's because the plant farm in Forestville, California, grows more than 500 varieties of carnivorous (meat-eating) plants, and guests are welcome to feed them bugs.

These bizarre flowers and vines, which are sold to gardeners, seize their victims in interesting ways. For example, the nectar of the devious pitcher plant drugs everything from ants to yellow jackets, making them fall into a tube of digestive juices.

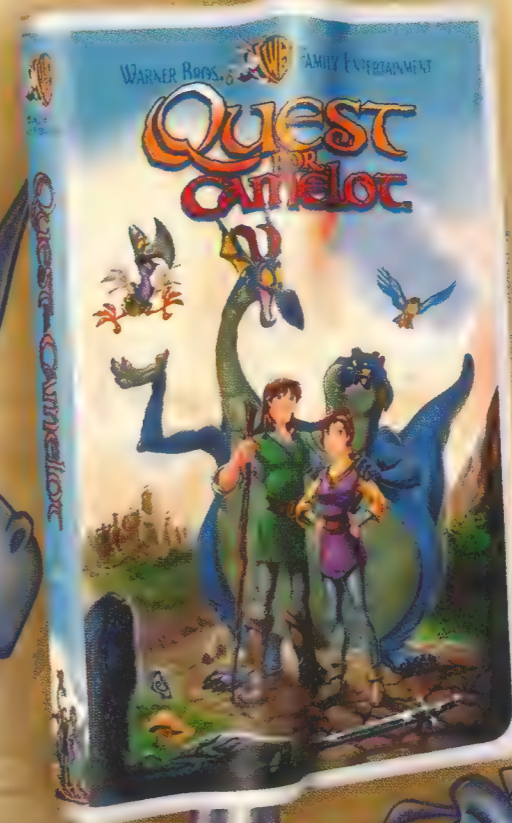
Co-owner Peter D'Amato doesn't worry about feeding his hungry crops, because they manage to snag their own dinners. In fact, Peter often patrols his greenhouse, rescuing clueless frogs before they fall into his plants' carnivorous clutches. □



MEAT-EATING VEGETATION: An array of hungry plants at California Carnivores.



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Tacos and Animorphs? Pinch me, I must be dreaming.



When the farmer's away, the animals will play...online! Here's an excerpt from a computer chat room frequented by barnyard animals with free time and fast modems

SLOP @
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6:00 PM

<There are 2 animals in the room.>

<B_BadWolf has entered the room.>

B_BadWolf: *Huff* *puff!*

<B_BadWolf has left the room.>

BaBe1: phew! that was close!

<27SheeP have entered the room.>

27SheeP: BAAHHHHH!

WilBUR: no shouting, *|***|~ (sheep)!

27SheeP: BAAHHHHH!

BaBe1: yeesh.

<ChickNlitL has entered the room.>

BaBe1: whatsup, ChickNlitL?????

ChickNlitL: Sign off, everyone! The system's gonna crash!

Cont'd →



27SheepP: BAAHHHHH!

<PpporkyPIG has entered the room.>

27SheepP: BAAHHHHH!

PpporkyPIG: any :o (p-p-pigs) wanna go to a private trough
and talk about STAR BOARS trivia?

BaBe1: not really, Ppporky.

<PpporkyPIG has left the room.>

ChickNlItL: i'm serious! the system's gonna totally crash!

WiIBUR: kajkosuhjihpiasu

BaBe1: typing problem, WiIBUR?

WiIBUR: sorry. my <:3O)~~~ (mouse) ran off the pad and onto
the keyboard.

27SheepP: BAAHHHHH!

<SheepdoggyDOG has entered the room.>

SheepdoggyDOG: what are all you animals doing in here? the Mother Goose
Live Livestock auditorium is going on right now!

WiIBUR: great! see you there!

<WiIBUR has left the room.>

<BaBe1 has left the room.>

27SheepP: BAAHHHHH!

SheepdoggyDOG: Get outta here, 27SheeP! Shoo!

27SheepP: BAAHHHHH!

SheepdoggyDOG: yeah, yeah, I HERD you. now get out!

<27SheeP have left the room.>

SheepdoggyDOG: well, finally! some peace and quiet. <yawn>

<SheepdoggyDOG has curled up on the floor of room.>

SheepdoggyDOG: *zzzzzzzzzzzz*

ChickNlItL: it's all gonna crash! CRASH! CRASH!

SheepdoggyDOG: *zzzzz*-huh? who let that crazy :> (chicken) in here?

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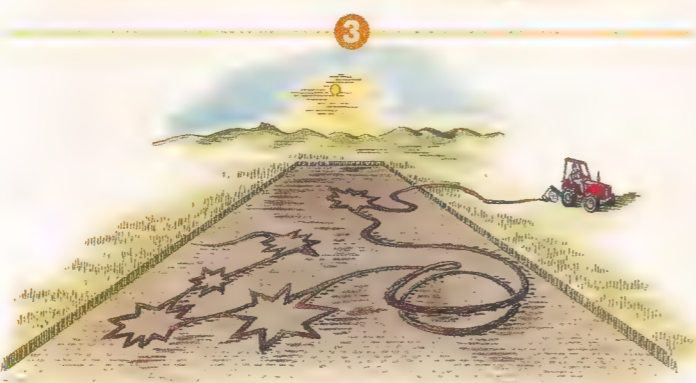
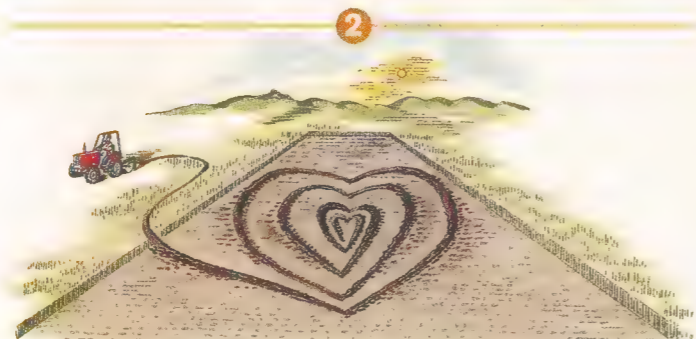
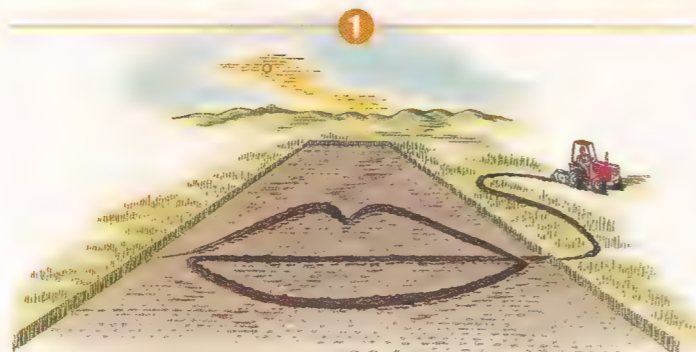
"Intergalactic"
Beastie Boys

"Just the Two of Us"
Will Smith

"Stop"
Spice Girls

"This Kiss"
Faith Hill

"Looking Through Your Eyes"
LeAnn Rimes



I'm at my wheat's end.

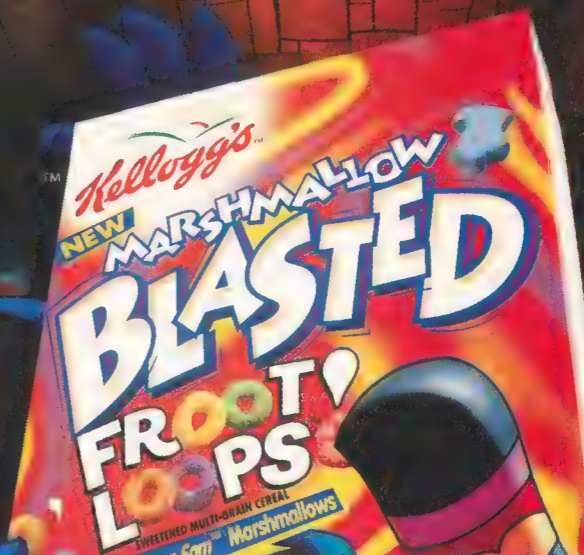


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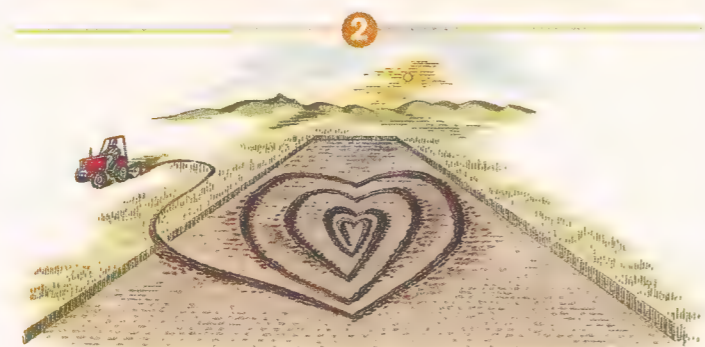
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HOW MUCH LONGER TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST PAT OF BUTTER?

The World's Tallest Ear of Corn Rochester, Minnesota

Medal-Winning Measurements: This 60-foot water tower, shaped like a shucked ear of corn, stands atop a 150-foot-tall base.

Why Built: A vegetable-processing company thought it would be neat to build its water tower in the shape of an ear of corn.

How the Giant Corn Cob Is Like a Real Cob: It has the same number of kernels as you'd find on an average real ear of corn.

How It's Different: The kernels are painted on, so they wouldn't taste good, even with butter.

Wet Paint Behind the Ear: The cob has to be painted every four years, inside and out, to keep the steel from rusting.

THAR HE BLOWS!

New Faithful: Two Ox Statues Three Forks, Montana

Medal-Winning Measurements: These two oxen are each 12 feet long and about 11 feet tall.

Why Built: To attract customers, the Prairie Schooner Restaurant hitched the hollow cement pair to a two-story wagon, which contains part of the dining room.

How New Faithful Are Like Real Oxen: One of them can pee.

How They're Different: The one that can pee is hooked up to a faucet, which lets loose a stream of water whenever the cashier inside the restaurant turns a handle. She usually does it when unsuspecting customers walk up to the eatery.

The Oxen Whisperer: When actor and director Robert Redford visited the oxen last year, he stood next to the pair for a picture—but not too close.



WHAT A FRAZEE IDEA

The World's Largest Turkey Frazee, Minnesota

Medal-Winning Measurements: Frazee's first fiberglass bronze-breasted turkey (left) was put in a local park 12 years ago—and was accidentally set on fire when workers took it down in August. A new bigger bird has been on the job since September. It stands 23 feet tall.

Why Built: To honor local turkey farmers

How Frazee's Fiberglass Turkey Is Like a Real Turkey: Both can be burned.

How It's Different: No one will eat the statue this Thanksgiving.

How to Cook a Turkey in 20 Minutes: As a joke, the workman whose power tool accidentally torched the first bird was written up in the local paper as the town's best chef.



PEACH FOR THE SKY

The Peachoid: A Peach-Shaped Water Tower Gaffney, South Carolina

Medal-Winning Measurements: The 74-foot-tall Peachoid stands on a pedestal that looms six stories above a local park.

Why Built: Gaffney is in one of South Carolina's largest peach-producing counties.

How the Peachoid Is Like a Real Peach: It has a stem and a leaf.

How It's Different: The Peachoid holds 1 million gallons of water. And it has no pit.

What a Wisecrack: The Peachoid is rumored to look like a big rear end in the sky when viewed from one side.

It's probably the butt of a lot of jokes.



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More Highway Harvest

THE HOLSTEIN TRUTH

Salem Sue: The World's Largest Cow New Salem, North Dakota

Medal-Winning Measurements: Salem Sue stands 38 feet tall and 50 feet long. Travelers on nearby highway I-94 can spot the big fiberglass bovine from five miles away.

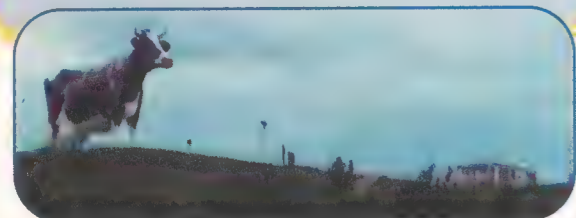
Why Built: To honor the area's dairy farmers

How Salem Sue Is Like a Real Holstein: She has an udder.

How She's Different: She's eight times heavier than a full-grown cud-chewer, which is pretty impressive for a completely hollow cow.

Moo-d Music: New Salemites have written a song about their Holstein, which boasts:

"Her presence shows that New Salem grows
With milk-producers' yields....
We've got a cow,
World's largest cow,
That looks across our fields."



GET TO THE STRAWBERRY POINT

The World's Largest Strawberry Strawberry Point, Iowa

Medal-Winning Measurements: The ripe-looking strawberry, which stands on a pole in front of the town hall, is 15 feet tall and 12 feet wide.

Why Built: In honor of the town, which was named for the wild strawberries that grew along the area trails and hillsides.

How the Giant Strawberry Is Like a Real Strawberry: It's embedded with seeds.

How It's Different: The seeds are made of fiberglass.

Coincidence? At one time the hometown of the world's largest strawberry was also the leading producer of cream.

A BIG YOLK

The World's Largest Egg Winlock, Washington

Medal-Winning Measurements: This "jumbo extra extra AAA-size egg," as the police chief calls it, is about 11 feet long and lies on a platform atop a 10-foot pole in a park in the town square.

Why Built: Winlock was once one of the country's largest egg producers.

How the Giant Egg Is Like a Real Egg: It's white.

How It's Different: It's nearly 59 times bigger—and doesn't smell like an average egg would smell after sitting outdoors for nine years.

Local Yokeis: Cars in town proudly wear bumper stickers declaring: WINLOCK, HOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST EGG.

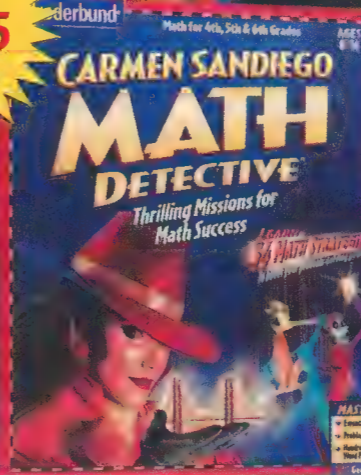


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Convince your parents that mint-chip ice cream is a vegetable.

Remind everyone that spinach always makes Popeye violent.

Suggest letting the brussels sprouts grow up and see their native Belgium.

Refuse to eat vegetables in front of the houseplants, because it would be so insensitive.

Ask whether corn dogs count as vegetables.

How about hush puppies?

Explain that when you eat beef, you're actually eating all the vegetables the cow ever ate.

Claim that because you're a couch potato, eating vegetables would be cannibalism.

Note how sharp carrots are: "You could put your eye out with one of those!"

Buy your family green plates so that they won't be able to tell whether your peas are still there.

—David Lewman

ALL'S FAIR

At most state and county fairs, kids compete in farm-related contests. But what if you don't live on a farm? Here's a chart of related events to test your talents, no matter where your home is.

Farm Contest	Suburb Contest	City Contest
Miniature horse show	Gerbil show	Roach show
Bull riding	Bike riding	Bus riding
Hay baling	Leaf raking	Newspaper tying
Hog calling	Dog calling	Taxi hailing
Sheep shearing	Hedge clipping	Cutting in line
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Finding a needle in a haystack	Finding your car in a mall parking lot	Finding a working pay phone



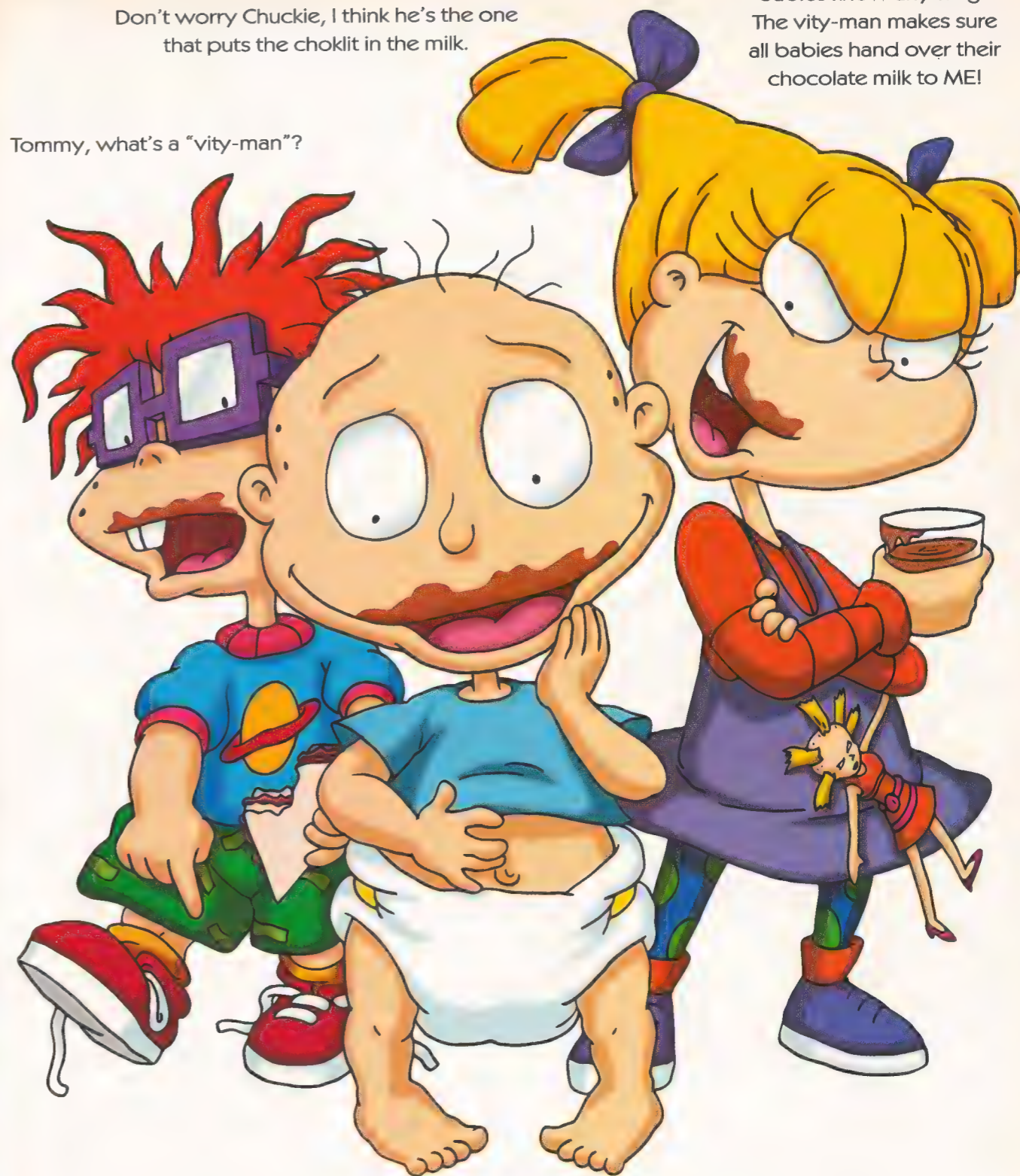
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Horsing Around

by Robert Leighton

The animals on Josie and Josh Field's farm have gotten out of the barn and are partying in the farmhouse. Each of the 11 critters is acting out a common phrase, word, or term that has an animal in it. For example, the horse playing the guitar is acting out the term *rocking horse*. Can you guess the other 10? **Answers on pages 119-120.**



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- ☐ You could grow plants in the dirt under your fingernails.
- ☐ A new corn hybrid has been named after you.
- ☐ You know what loam is.*
- ☐ They recognize your voice at the Department of Agriculture hotline.
- ☐ You can tell the garden hose from the garden hoes.
- ☐ You know what a seed looks like.
- ☐ Only two or three houseplants have died under your care. Okay, maybe four.
- ☐ You can tell a bean from a human being.
- ☐ You sometimes wear overalls.
- ☐ Houseplants dial 911 when they see you coming.
- ☐ You think snow peas grow in the snow.
- ☐ You've tried to buy seeds for plastic flowers.
- ☐ You think money grows on trees.
- ☐ You think vegetables are grown in the frozen-food section.
- ☐ Vegetable? What's a vegetable?

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Piglet's movie look.



Porky in the 1930s (left) and today (right).

Drawing a Blanc

Porky Pig made his screen debut in the 1935 cartoon "I Haven't Got a Hat." Over the years, he was drawn in different ways—sometimes really fat, sometimes just pleasantly plump. He eventually landed somewhere in between. Porky is known for his stutter (which was much worse than Piglet's), for saying the classic "Th-th-th-that's all, folks!" as well as for his endearing eagerness and wide-eyed innocence. Joe Dougherty, an actor with a real stutter, was Porky's original voice. In 1937, Mel Blanc (who also did the voices for Bugs Bunny, Barney Rubble, and many other characters) took over the role, keeping Porky's stutter but toning it down.

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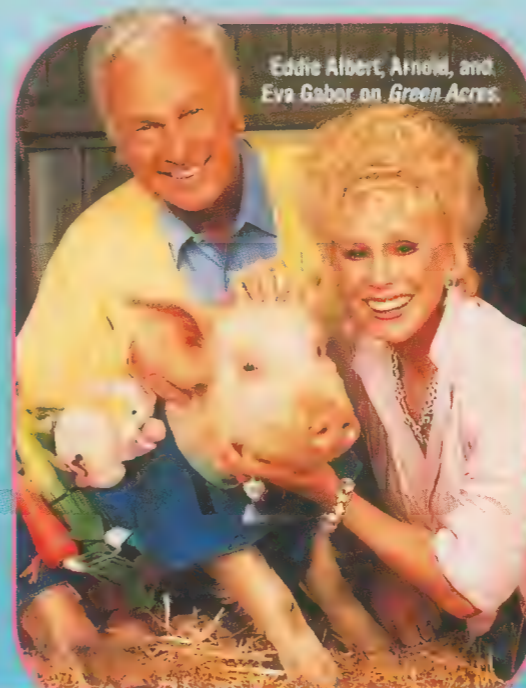
Wilbur hangs on Charlotte's words, while she hangs on a web.

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Son, This Place Is a Pigsty!

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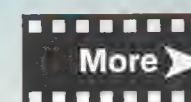
Played by puppeteer Frank Oz (who also played Yoda in the *Star Wars* movies), Miss Piggy is known for her enormous wardrobe, frequent temper tantrums, clingy crush on Kermit the Frog, and bossiness. Miss Piggy is easily outraged and

Gettin' (Miss) Piggy with it.

takes offense at all pig jokes or stereotypes. She also sprinkles French words and phrases into her vocabulary, especially "Moi?" which means "Me?" This fabulous foam female has made it to the silver screen—she hoofed her way through all five Muppet movies.



What a bunch of hams!



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See What Crops Up

Twenty-six foods are hidden in this story.

For example, the word *potato* is hidden in the words “pot—a toe” in the second sentence. Look at the list of fruits, vegetables, and grains at the end of the story and see if you can find them all. Answers on pages 119–120.

Note: Ignore punctuation, spaces between words, and capital letters. The words are listed at the end in the order they appear. We highlighted three hidden words to get you started.

Last November, my brother Art and I made a scarecrow. Our old one had gone to **pot—a toe** with a rip in it had let all the straw out. Our annoying neighbor Mr. Cad had offered to sell us one, but his prices were way too high. So we decided to build one ourselves.

First we made a rut in the earth and stuck a thick pole in it. Then I helped Art stuff an old pillowcase with straw to make the body.

“Hand me long pieces of straw,” he said. It was pretty windy out, so we worked fast. Then Art grabbed an old ski with a flannel shirt wrapped around it.

“What’s with the ski?” I asked.

“It’s going to be the scarecrow’s arms,” explained Art.

“What?” I said. “That flannel shirt is infested with beetles!”

Art wasn’t worried. “I’ll shake it out before I put it on. I once saw Cad put a moth-eaten shirt on a scarecrow.”

“It was probably from his closet!” I said, and we laughed. We heard the phone ring in the farmhouse.

“Hurry, before the last ring! Be a nice sister and answer it,” said Art.

But I was too busy to get

the phone. I had just wrapped a scarf around the scarecrow’s neck when the head suddenly drooped.

“Oh no, Art, I choked him!” I cried.

“Just put more stuffing in the nape. A chunk of straw should do it,” he said. I jammed some in, and the head straightened up. Then I placed a cap on top.

“Cap or no cap?” I asked.

“I like the cap. Please tilt it a little to the left, though,” Art advised.

“That thing won’t last two minutes in this wind!” Mr. Cad shouted at us scornfully from across the field. “If that were a mast or a spar on a ship, you’d have sunk by now! I should know. I was a sailor!”

Art rolled his eyes. “Well, it *isn’t* a spar. A gust of wind won’t knock it down!” he insisted. But I could see our new scarecrow was swaying in the breeze.

“Bury the pole deeper in the rut! A bag around the base will do the trick,” called Mr. Cad.

I followed our neighbor’s suggestion, and the scarecrow stopped moving. Mr. Cad gloated. Art seemed annoyed, but I shouted back my thanks. “Bravo, Cad! Oh, I think our **parents are back!**”

I’d heard a **car rot**ating its wheels on the **gravel in the drive-**way. Our parents were supposed to be at the theater but were home early. We ran over to them. My mother, Pearl, explained, “We missed the show. Heat up some

water, Art. I’ll make dinner. Do you want ravioli or angel-hair pasta?”

Just then, Mr. Cad walked up and asked my father, “Lou, why did you take the Suburban? An automobile like that is really for longer trips.”

Dad, who hadn’t gotten out of the car yet, laughed and answered, “We just plumb forgot to take the other car! Gosh, I’m hungry. Pearl, when can we eat?”

Mom was heading into the house and called over her shoulder, “I

don’t know when we can. Ta! Lou, pencil yourself in for a late supper.”

That didn’t seem to bother Dad. He was sitting **peacefully** in his car, admiring our new scarecrow. “That’s the best-looking one I’ve ever seen,” he said to us. “Don’t you think so, Mr. Cad?”

“It looks pretty good—for amateurs,” said Mr. Cad. “But it won’t last.” Art and I rolled our eyes again.

Now one year later, I’m happy to

say that our scarecrow survived, and Mr. Cad begged *us* to build him one. We said OK. Rapsallions

such as Mr. Cad just aren’t worth arguing with.

This tale made my head spin. Ache, too.

Here’s a list of all the hidden fruits, vegetables, and grains, in the order they appear:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1. potato | 8. artichoke | 15. avocado | 22. plum |
| 2. rice | 9. peach | 16. carrot | 23. cantaloupe |
| 3. melon | 10. apple | 17. pear | 24. pea (also in peach and pear) |
| 4. kiwi | 11. corn | 18. wheat | 25. okra |
| 5. beet | 12. asparagus | 19. orange | 26. scallion |
| 6. onion | 13. rutabaga | 20. butternut | |
| 7. string bean | 14. oat | 21. rye | |



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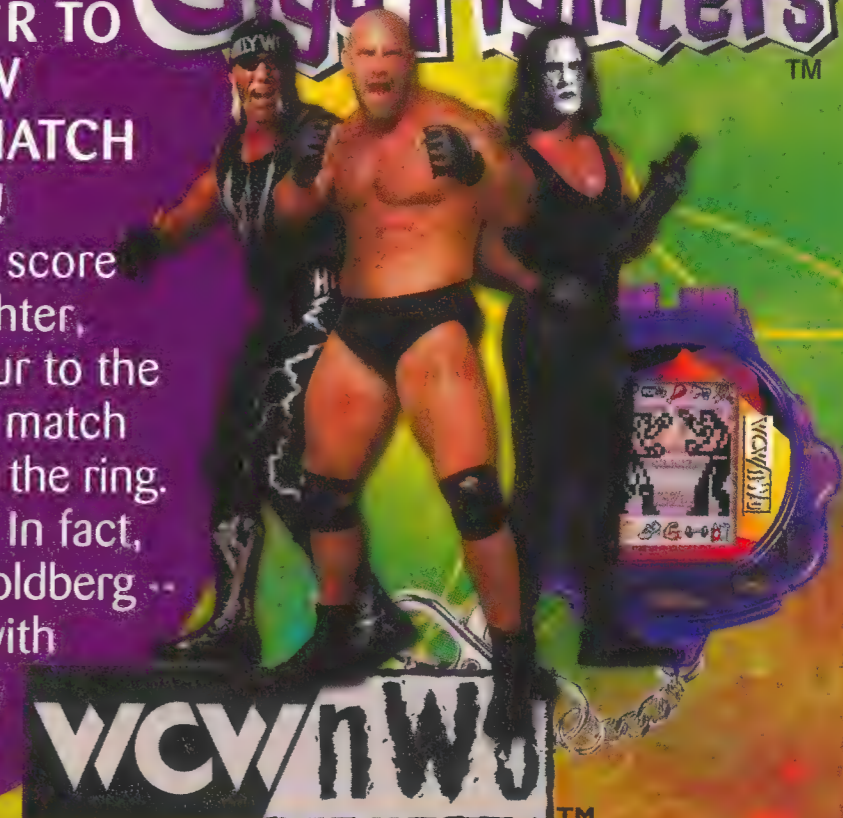
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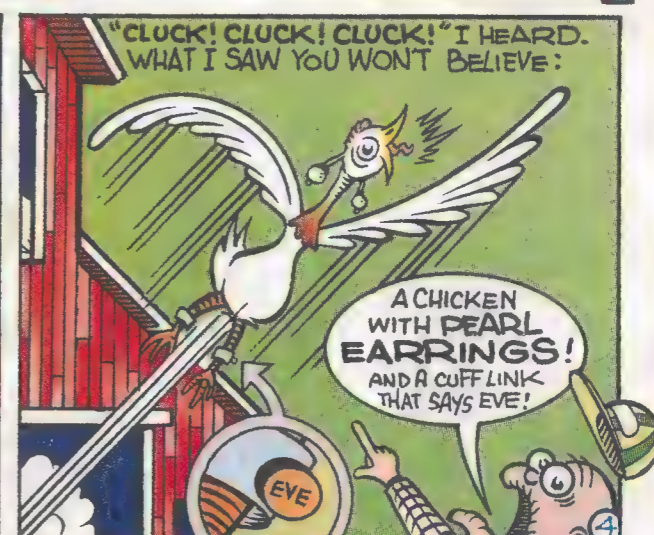
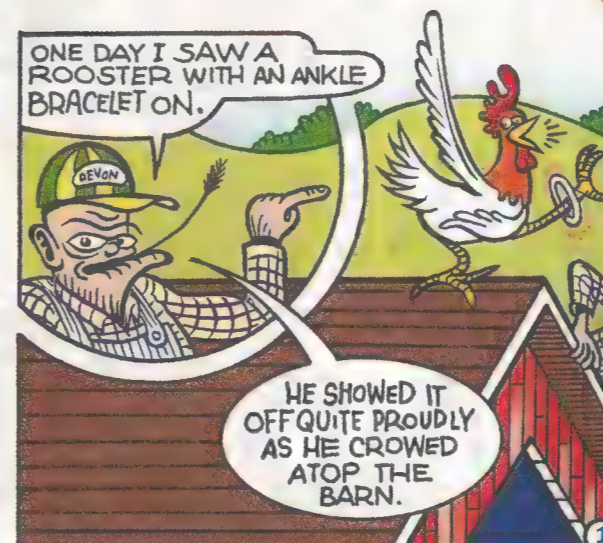


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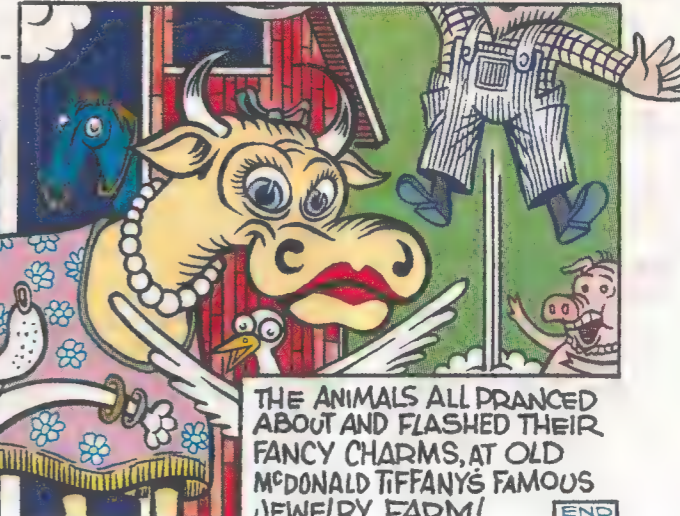
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JEWELRY FARM



THE MILK COW WORE A NECKLACE, AND IT WENT WELL WITH HER DRESS. SOME DECKED-OUT BARN CATS WATCHED AND PURRED:



BY PAT MORIARTY & ANDY CROWLEY 98

THE ANGRY BEAVERS

CREATED BY MITCH SCHAUER

FROM THE FILES OF THE BEAVER LOG

THE WHOLE TOOTH ABOUT TEETH!
A BEAVER'S TEETH NEVER STOP GROWING...

BEAVERS KEEP THEIR TEETH FROM GROWING TOO LONG BY NIBBLING ON TREES.

UMM... DEE-LISH.

FINISHED!

BEAVERS EAT TREES AND BUILD THEIR HOMES WITH THEM...SOMETIMES AT THE SAME TIME!

THANKS FOR INVITING ME, GUYS, THIS IS A REAL SPOOKTACULAR FILM, ONE OF MY FAVORITES! I MEAN, "THE MUMMY'S THORAX," GOSH, IT'S REALLY SUSPENSEFUL, LIKE THIS PART HERE—

NORBERT NODAYGETT

BING SAYS IT ALL!

UH, YEAH, BING... SHHH!

LOOK RIGHT HERE, WHERE THE HERO IS SURROUNDED BY THE MUMMY!

ZIP!

STOP IT, BING!

YOU'RE RUINING THE MOVIE!

WOW!

THIS IS WHERE THE MONSTER HITS HIS FOOT!

LOOK!

THE PYRAMIDS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SQUARE!

VIP!

WOW!

THE MUMMY GRABS THE HERO!

GEE!

EGYPTIANS DIDN'T HAVE ELECTRIC LAMPS!

OH, BOY!

THE GIRL KNOWS WHERE THE MUMMY IS!

WIMP!

ZING!

GO! GO! CHASE THE MUMMY ACROSS THE OCEAN!

WATCH OUT! THE MUMMY'S ALMOST GOT YOU!

NORB
DAG

YANK!

OOOH, THE MUMMY IS TRYING TO WRAP THEM UP!

GO! GO! CHASE THE MUMMY ACROSS THE OCEAN!

STICK THAT HORRIBLE MUMMY BACK IN HIS ANCIENT TOMB!

BURIED FOREVER! NEVER TO BOTHER MANKIND AGAIN!

YOU THINK YOU'VE BEAT THE MUMMY?

I'LL BE BACK!

I'M GETTING STRONGER!

TOILET TISSUE CAN'T HOLD THE MUMMY!

YOU CAN NEVER KEEP A MUMMY BURIED FOREVER!

THERE'S ONE THING ABOUT WATCHING SCARY MOVIES WITH BING...

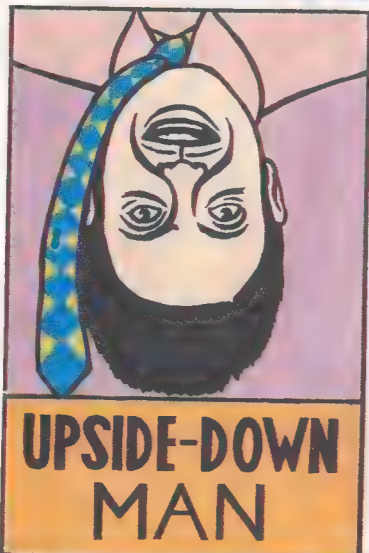
YEAH, THEY ALWAYS END THE SAME WAY!

THE WORST COMIC BOOK VILLAINS THAT NEVER EXISTED

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DOCTOR BUCKETHEAD WAS A MAN SO STUPID HE DIDN'T EVEN CUT EYEHOLE IN THE BUCKET HE WORE ON HIS HEAD. HE SPECIALIZED IN STEALING FISH, AND HE WASN'T VERY GOOD AT IT. ODDLY ENOUGH, HE WAS A REAL DOCTOR.



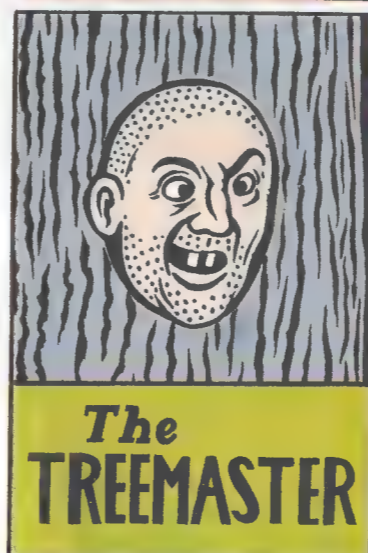
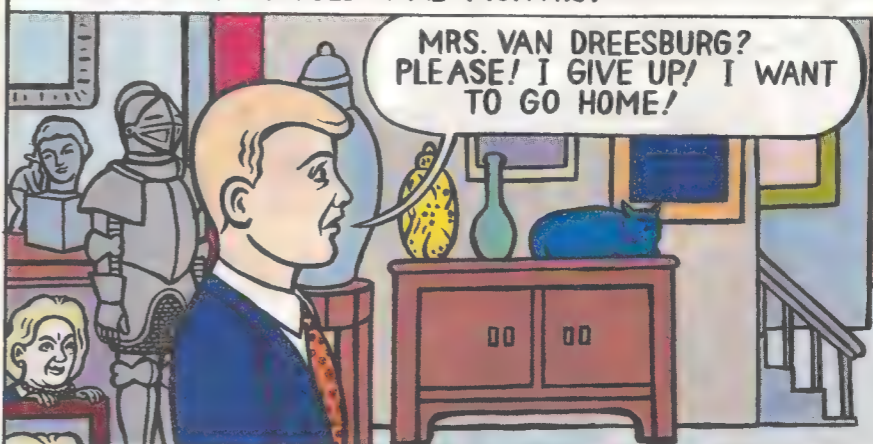
UPSIDE-DOWN MAN WALKED AROUND ON HIS HANDS, BELIEVING THAT HIS "UPSIDE-DOWN" APPEARANCE WOULD FRIGHTEN PEOPLE. IT NEVER DID....



PANTS-ON-HIS-HEAD MAN WAS THE ARCHENEMY OF UNDERPANTS-ON-HIS-HEAD MAN. THEY WORKED IN THE SAME OFFICE....



MRS. VAN DREESBURG WOULD CHALLENGE PEOPLE TO A GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK IN HER ENORMOUS MANSION. SOMETIMES IT WOULD TAKE MONTHS!

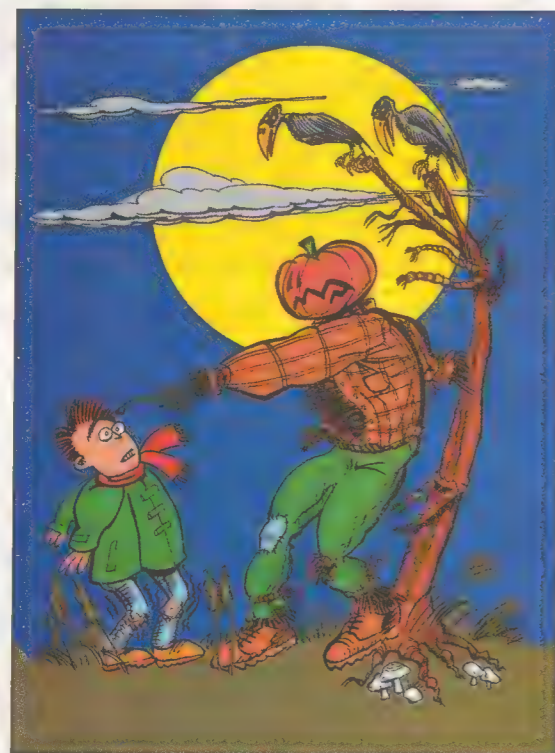
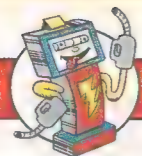


THE ARCHENEMY OF CAPTAIN BEAVER, THE TREEMASTER WENT AROUND IN A METAL TREE, WHICH CAPTAIN BEAVER COULDN'T BITE THROUGH OR KNOCK DOWN WITH HIS TAIL!



FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MARKER MADMEN, THE CRAYONIACS WOULD DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS CUTE DOGS TO GET INTO PEOPLE'S HOUSES. THEN THEY WOULD DRAW ALL OVER THE WALLPAPER WITH THEIR CRAYONS.





"You built me, Billy! Now you must feed me and take care of me and pay for my college education!"



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HUMAN CLONE EXISTS!

Evidence Stuns Scientific Community

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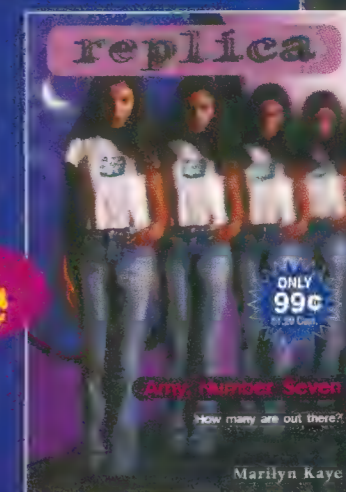
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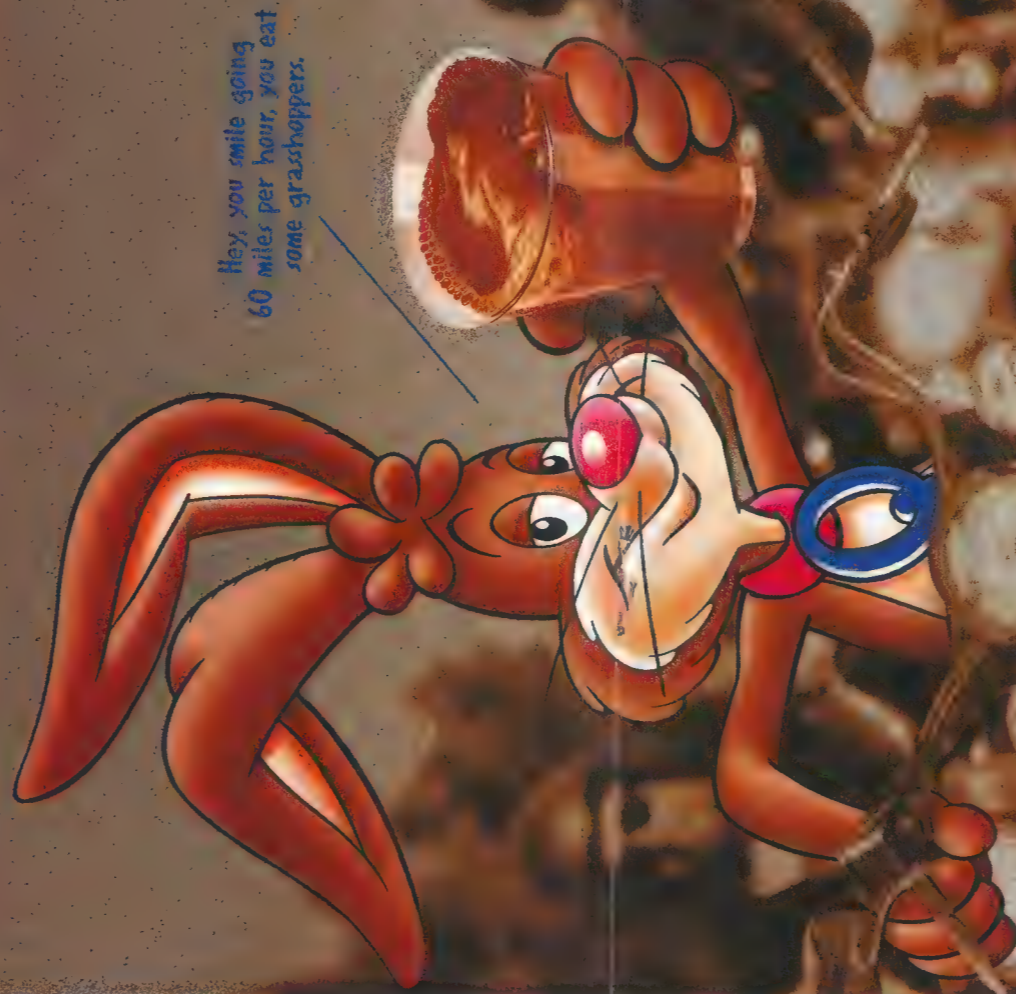


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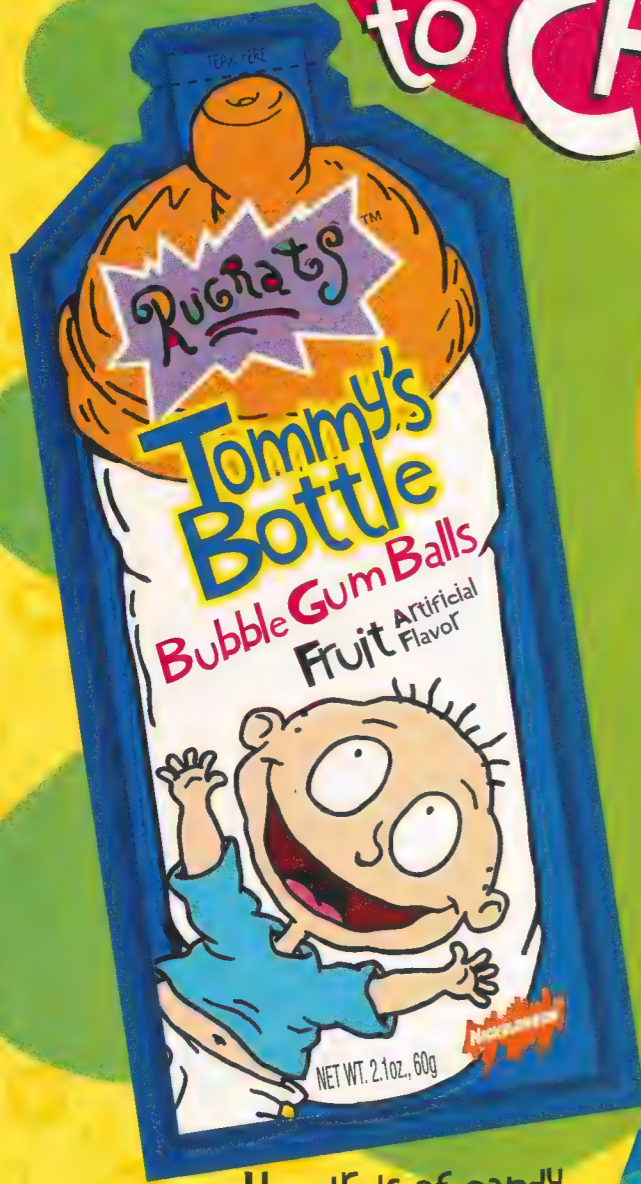
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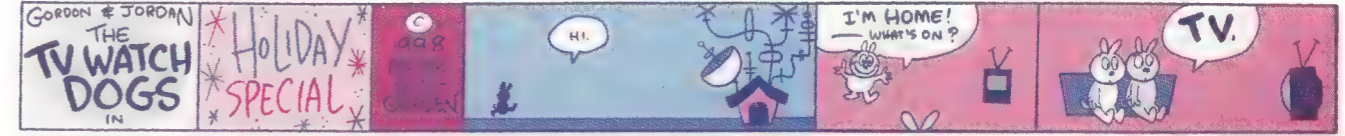
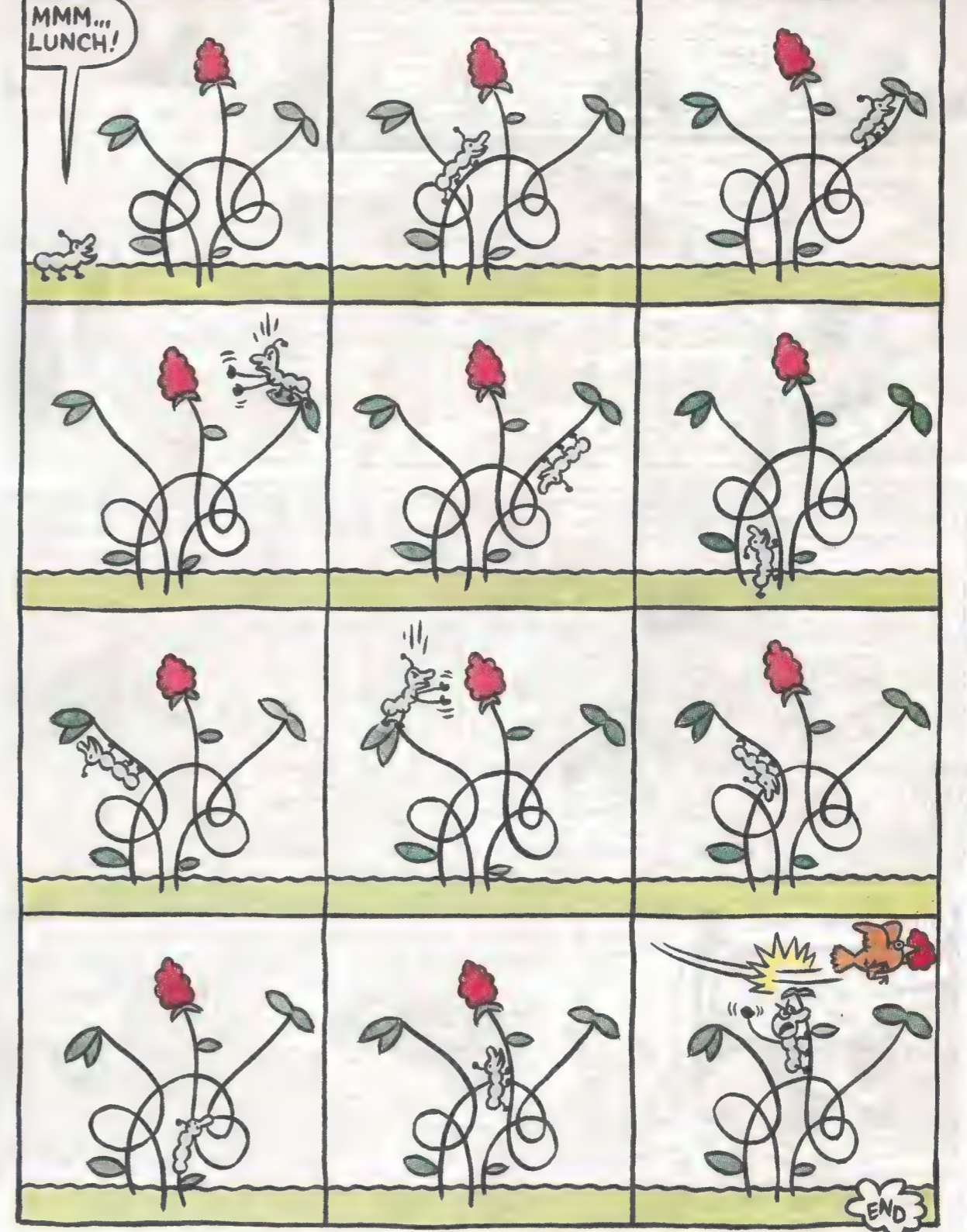
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A WING, A THIGH, A BREAST, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

BOOM!
BOOM!

CHESTER!

WING
NUT!

AND
LEGS!

LISTEN, YOU'VE GOT
TO GET ME OUT OF HERE!

LAST TIME, THE BOYS FOUND THEIR
MISSING PAL, LEGS, TRAPPED IN A
CANDY MACHINE IN NEW YORK'S
CENTRAL
PARK!

IT ALL STARTED WHEN I POURED OUT OF A SEWER
PIPE AND INTO THE PARK!

BUT HOW
COULD A THING
LIKE THIS
HAPPEN?

WELL, YOU SEE,
IT WAS LIKE THIS...

THE FIRST THING I SAW WAS SOME ANIMALS
EATING SOME POOR SLEEPING SAP'S LUNCH.

WITH A LITTLE "LEG" WORK, I WAS
SOON IN SOLID WITH MY NEW FRIENDS!

THEY
WERE
HAVING
TROUBLE
OPENING A SODA,
AND I SAW MY
CHANCE TO GET IN
ON THE BIG FEED!

WOW! HOW COOL!

YEAH! WE WERE
HAVIN' A BALL...
AT FIRST.

BUT THEN
FOR DESSERT, THEY DECIDED
TO ROB THIS CANDY MACHINE.

BUT THEY'D ALL EATEN SO MUCH,
NONE OF THEM COULD FIT INTO IT!

AND THAT'S WHEN
THEY THOUGHT OF
LITTLE OLD ME AGAIN!

GOSH! DID
IT WORK?

SURE-
FOR A WHILE.
I WAS IN AND OUT OF
HERE WITH CANDY TWO,
THREE, FOUR TIMES!

THEN, ON THE FIFTH
TRY, SOMETHING WENT
WRONG...
WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT DO YOU THINK,
BONEHEAD?

THE DOOR GOT STUCK,
AND I GOT CAUGHT
LIKE A RAT IN A
TRAP, THAT'S WHAT!

B-BUT WHAT ABOUT
ALL YOUR COOL
FRIENDS?

BOYS, WHEN I LOOKED
THROUGH THE PLEXIGLASS, THOSE
PARTY ANIMALS WERE LONG
GONE...

...AND THIS FRIED FELLOW
WAS ALL ALONE!

WELL,
YOU'RE
NOT ALONE
NOW!

NO WAY!

COME
ON!
WE'RE
GOING
IN!

SOON, WITH A LOT
OF SWEAT AND
PLENTY OF GRIT,
UNITED THEY
STAND!

YES!

NNNGH!

THAT'S IT!

HURRY UP!
I CAN'T KEEP
THIS UP ALL DAY!

AND IN NO TIME AT ALL...

HEY! WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN!

THANKS
TO THE
COOL MOVES
YOU GUYS
CAME UP
WITH!

YEAH, BABY! THE
DREAM TEAM
RIDES AGAIN!

YOU
KNOW
IT!

GREAT SCOTT! THOSE CRISPY CREATURES
ARE JUST WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

HEY! WHO'S THIS BIG BOZO? AND WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH
THE BOYS? WE'LL FIND OUT...NEXT TIME! ©1998 Kim Deitch

THE REVOLVING
CORNUCOPIA
NETWORK!!

FEH!

HEY, LOOK! THE CORNU-
COPIA IS REVOLVING
COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE!!

THEY CHANGE IT
EVERY YEAR!

I LOVE
TRADITION!

I'M YOUR NEIGHBOR
HENRY. MIGHT I
TROUBLE YOU FOR
A DOLLOP OF...

FLAKED?
MINCE...

HEY, LOOK! THE CORNU-
COPIA IS REVOLVING
COUNTER-
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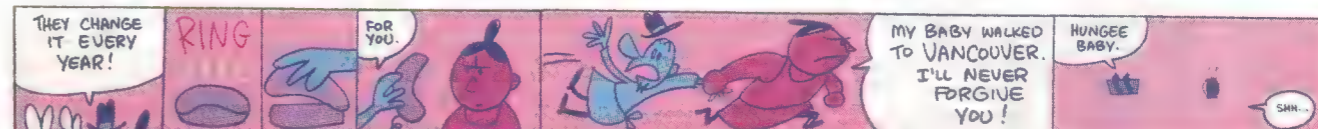
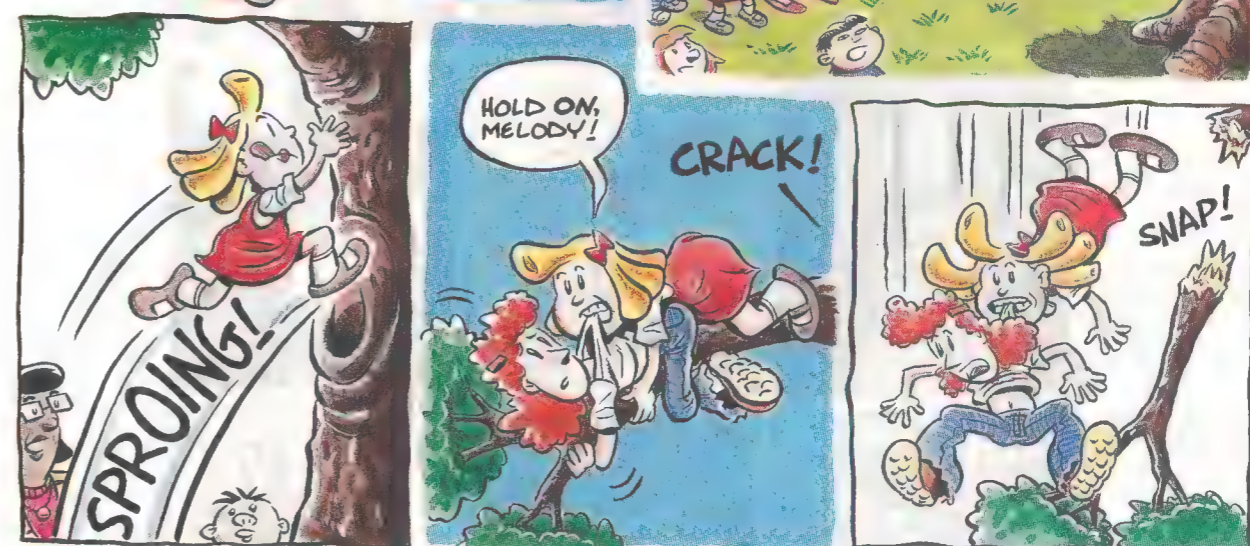
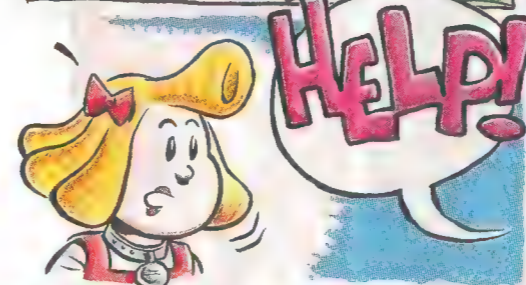
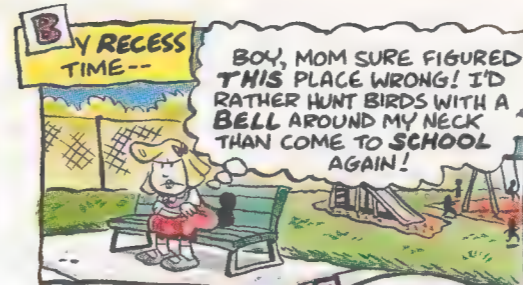
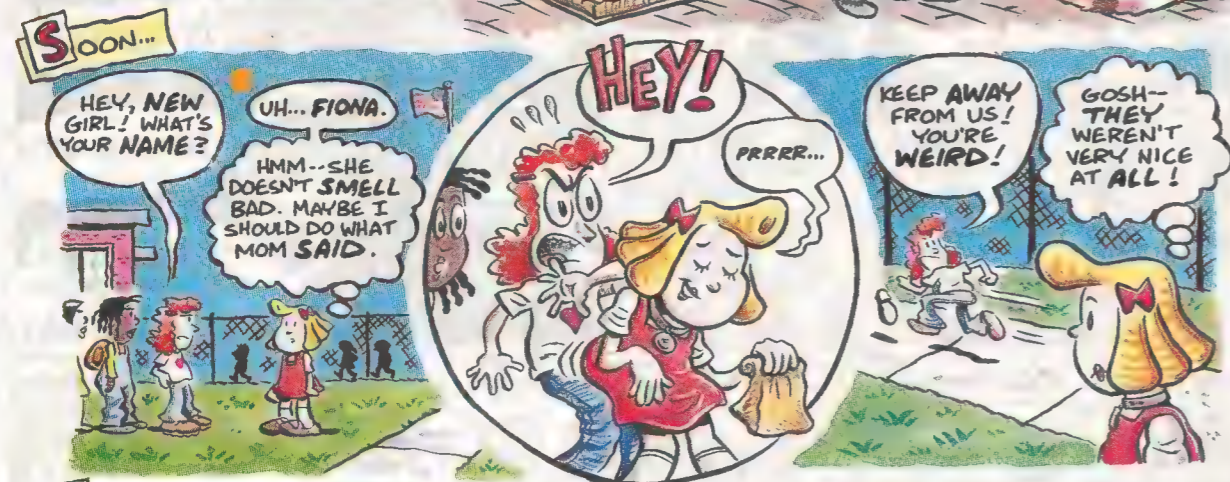
THEY CHANGE IT
EVERY YEAR-
WE NOTICED!!

PRaise
Be!

Fiona of the Felines

THROUGH A QUIRK OF FATE, FIONA HAS BEEN RAISED SINCE INFANCY BY CATS. NOW SHE'S TEN, AND HER MOTHER, PRECIOUS, THINKS IT'S TIME FOR HER TO JOIN THE WORLD OF PEOPLE...

BY TERRY LARSEN



CLASSIC COMIC

Before he created *Mad* magazine, cartoonist Harvey Kurtzman drew *Hey Look*, a series of one-page comics about two nutty pals. *Hey Look* stories ran just as filler in many comic books of the late 1940s. Today, however, these strips are considered some of Kurtzman's best work. They have even been adapted into short cartoons for Nickelodeon's *Oh Yeah! Cartoons*.



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THANKSGIVING PLACE CARDS

Are you tired of relatives asking you the same questions every Thanksgiving? Here's our solution. Tear out the cards below. Fill in the blanks on one card; then fold it on the dotted line and put it in front of your plate at dinner. Give the other place cards to your siblings or cousins.

<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>All About Me</i></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Son/daughter of: _____</p> <p>Age: _____ Grade: _____</p> <p>Amount grown since last year, in inches: _____</p> <p>Yes, I am in fact the spitting image of _____ relative or celebrity you look like _____</p> <p>If you're not going to eat your Thanksgiving food _____, please let me have it.</p> <p>Please do not ask me about _____ topic you hate _____</p>	<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>Reserved for the smartest, most attractive, most interesting person at the table,</i></p> <p><i>your name</i></p>
<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>All About Me</i></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Son/daughter of: _____</p> <p>Age: _____ Grade: _____</p> <p>Amount grown since last year, in inches: _____</p> <p>I'll trade you my _____ food _____ for your _____ food _____</p> <p>My favorite subject in school: _____ math _____ English _____ social studies _____ lunch</p> <p>Don't even think about asking me whether I have a: _____ girlfriend _____ boyfriend.</p>	<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>No parking anytime.</i></p> <p><i>This is</i></p> <p><i>your name</i></p> <p><i>chair.</i></p>
<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>All About Me</i></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Son/daughter of: _____</p> <p>Age: _____ Grade: _____</p> <p>Amount grown since last year, in inches: _____</p> <p>What I want to be when I grow up: _____ teacher _____ firefighter _____ brain surgeon _____ rich _____ famous</p> <p>My family made the _____ food item _____ so don't bad-mouth it!</p> <p>How I like school: _____ good _____ okay _____ fine _____ don't ask</p>	<p>~ 86, GNIAIDSKNVHT ~</p> <p><i>This seat reserved for</i></p> <p><i>your name</i></p> <p><i>or his/her best friend,</i></p> <p><i>name of celebrity</i></p>

THANKSGIVING PSYCHIC

Use this side of your place card to play Thanksgiving Psychic. Before the meal begins, use a pencil to check off the phrases or actions you think someone who is *not* playing the game will say or do during the meal. Keep track of which ones occur. Whoever has the most correct predictions at the end of the meal wins.

Thanksgiving Psychic

CHECK IF YOU THINK IT WILL HAPPEN

CHECK IF IT DID HAPPEN

"We have so much to be thankful for."

"It's so moist!"

"Just look at that bird."

"I'll have just a sliver."

"White meat or dark?"

"When I was your age..."

"Delicious!"

"I'm stuffed!"

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A baby puts his or her hand in food.

Someone talks with food stuck on his/her lip.

The telephone rings during dinner.

Someone calls someone by the wrong name.

Someone tells a bad joke.

Someone leaves the table to check on the football game.

TOTAL CORRECT

Thanksgiving Psychic

CHECK IF YOU THINK IT WILL HAPPEN

CHECK IF IT DID HAPPEN

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"It's so moist!"

"Just look at that bird."

"I'll have just a sliver."

"White meat or dark?"

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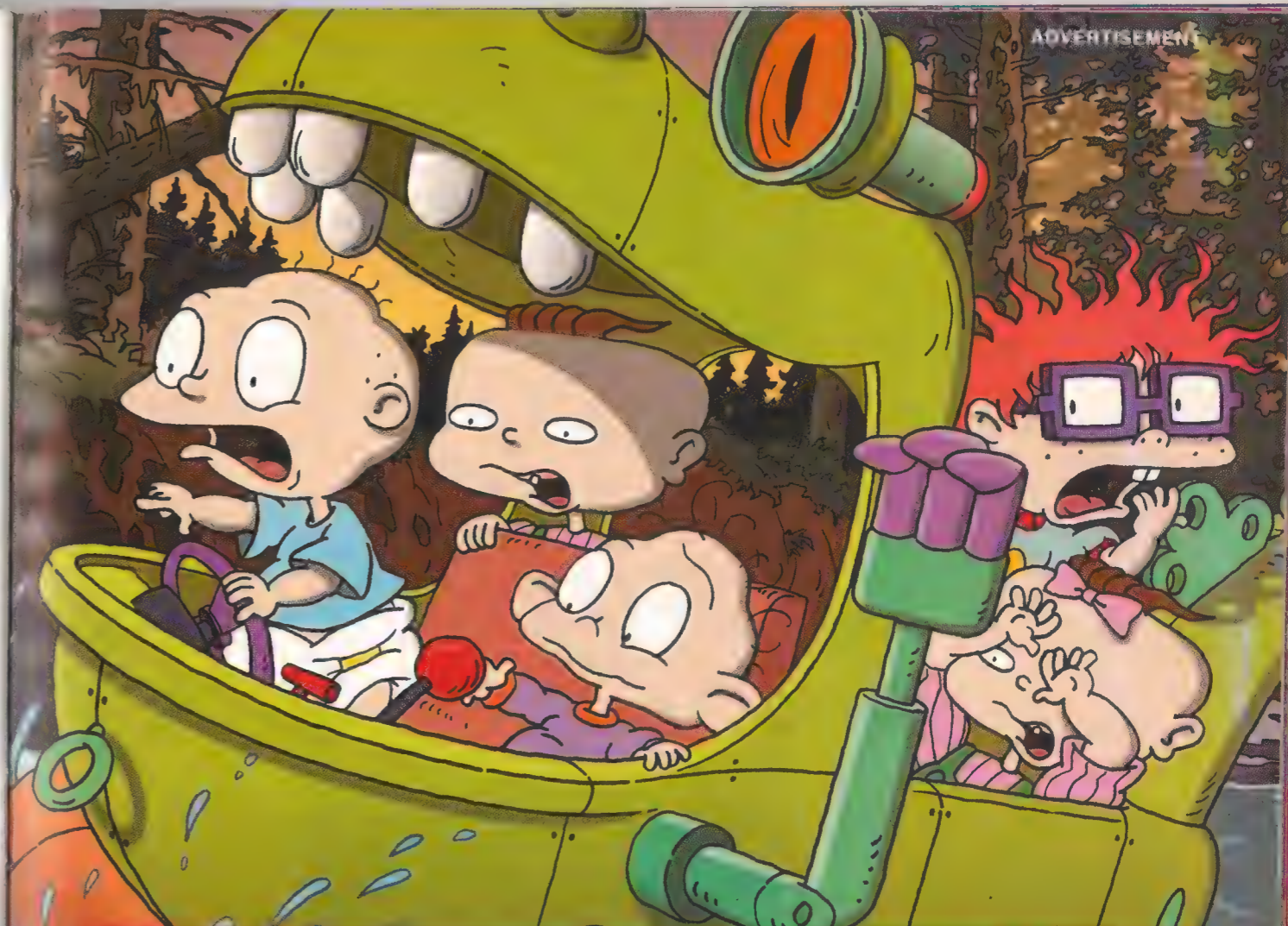
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Something has gone wrong at the seed packager.
The letters on each label are all jumbled up. Match the name
on the seed packet with the correct name of the plant
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Answers on pages 119-120.

ELECTRIC BEE GUT 	A MOTTO 	COOL CRIB 
HERB BABY-SAT 	CALL OUR WIFE 	CRUMB CUE 
SCAR ROT 	GUM IN EAR 	CHARM ME SHY NUT 
IS NAP TIME 	A TUBA RAG 	NOSE SWAP 
EEL SO CHUNKY 	TEN-FOOT GERM 	NUT RIP 

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| 3. Carrots | 6. Cucumber | 9. Honeysuckle | 12. Rutabaga | 15. Turnip |

Express Yourself

Have you ever heard a country expression like "I'm as happy as a pig in manure" or "I'm as nervous as a long-tailed cat on a porch full of rockers"? Create your own colorful conversation by choosing one element from each column to make a whole sentence. We did one for y'all.



I'M AS:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| happy as | a rusty tractor |
| mad as | a June bug |
| hungry as | Mariah Carey |
| worn out as | a snowball |
| good-looking as | a dish of baked beans |
| sweaty as | a bald sheep |
| nervous as | a gummed-up stapler |
| clogged up as | a frosted doughnut |



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|---|
| on a bad hair day. |
| with an ingrown toenail. |
| watching <i>The Postman</i> for the fifteenth time. |
| living with monkeys. |
| with a complete collection of Barbie accessories. |
| walking the high wire in roller skates. |
| under a truckload of baby wipes. |
| sitting on a sprinkler. |

I'm as happy as a dog on the margin of a page.



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Cream of the Crop Art

Stan Herd creates art by plowing fields and farmland and planting different-colored crops to "paint" a scene. The pictures he makes are so big that he has to fly over them in a plane to check his progress. We harvested some examples of Stan's agricultural artwork.



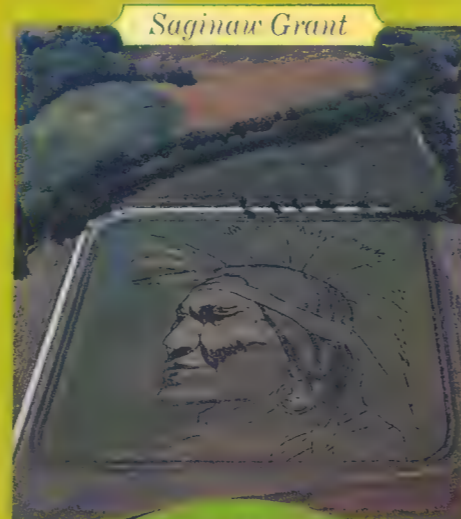
Real

Here Comes the Sunflowers

The petals of the sunflowers in this 17-acre* "painting" are planted with real sunflowers—which means the artwork looks best during the nine or 10 days the flowers are in bloom. Can you spot the tractor?



Sunflower Still Life



Saginaw Grant

His Face Grows on You

Stan met Saginaw Grant, a Native American activist, in 1988 and decided to create his portrait. Using a mower, plow, and tractor as if they were different pencils, Stan "drew" the face on a 30-acre field of wheat stubble.

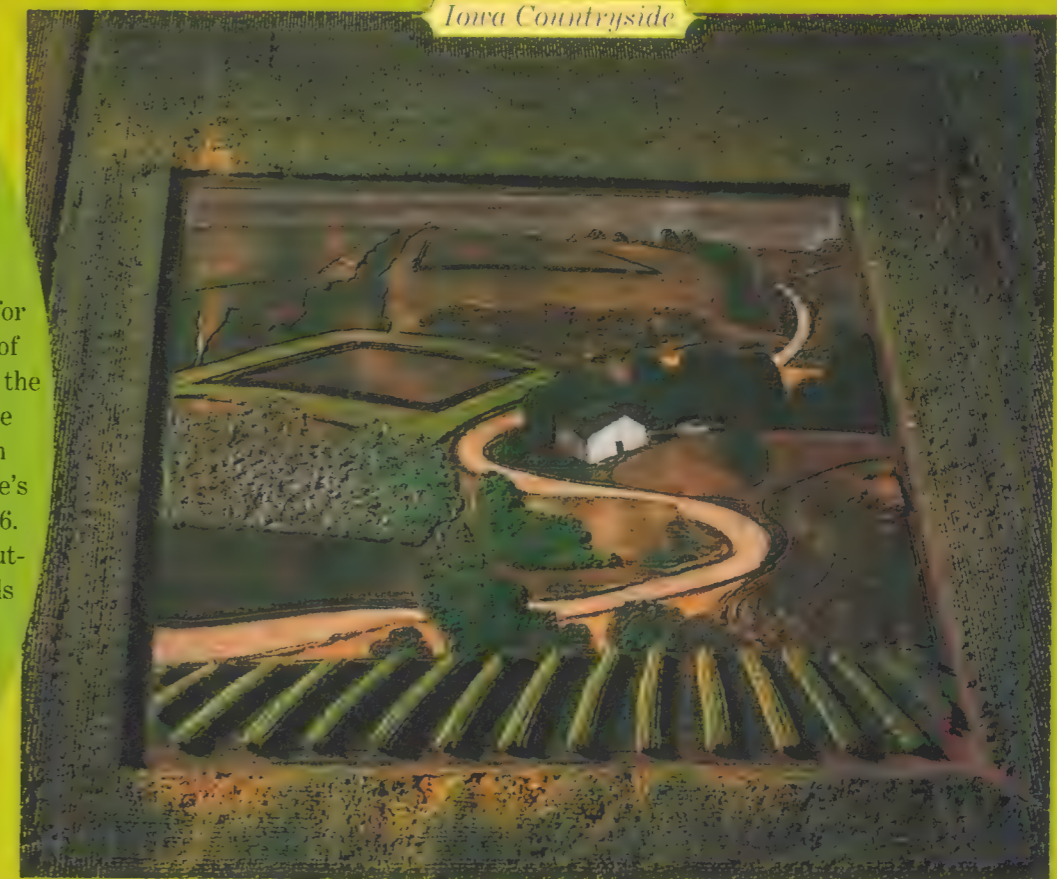
He's big—I'll Grant you that.



*One acre is about the size of a football field.

Get It Window Seat

Stan planted seven different crops—including pumpkins (for the forest to the left of the road) and corn (for the corn rows)—to create *Iowa Countryside* in celebration of the state's 150th birthday in 1996. He used a field just outside the Cedar Rapids airport, so travelers could view his art during takeoff and landing.



Iowa Countryside



Liberty on the Land

Give Me Your Hungry...

When Stan was asked to create this home-grown Statue of Liberty for a magazine cover in 1996, he got nine friends to help. They had just two weeks to cut the famous face into a one-acre field of wheat.



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Frieda does remember the following:

- a** The rooster needs to be as close as possible to the farmhouse so that he can wake Frieda up.
- b** The goat and pig are smelly.
- c** The cow and horse each need a wide stall because of their size.
- d** The horse, llama, and goat each carry or pull things and have a harness rack in their stalls.
- e** The feathered animals don't want to be next to the cow, because she moos in her sleep.
- f** The horse and the rooster don't like to be next to smelly animals.
- g** The rooster is good friends with the turkey and wants to be next to him.
- h** The ostrich likes to sleep late with her head in the straw and needs to be as far away from the rooster as possible.

—Tom Mitchell

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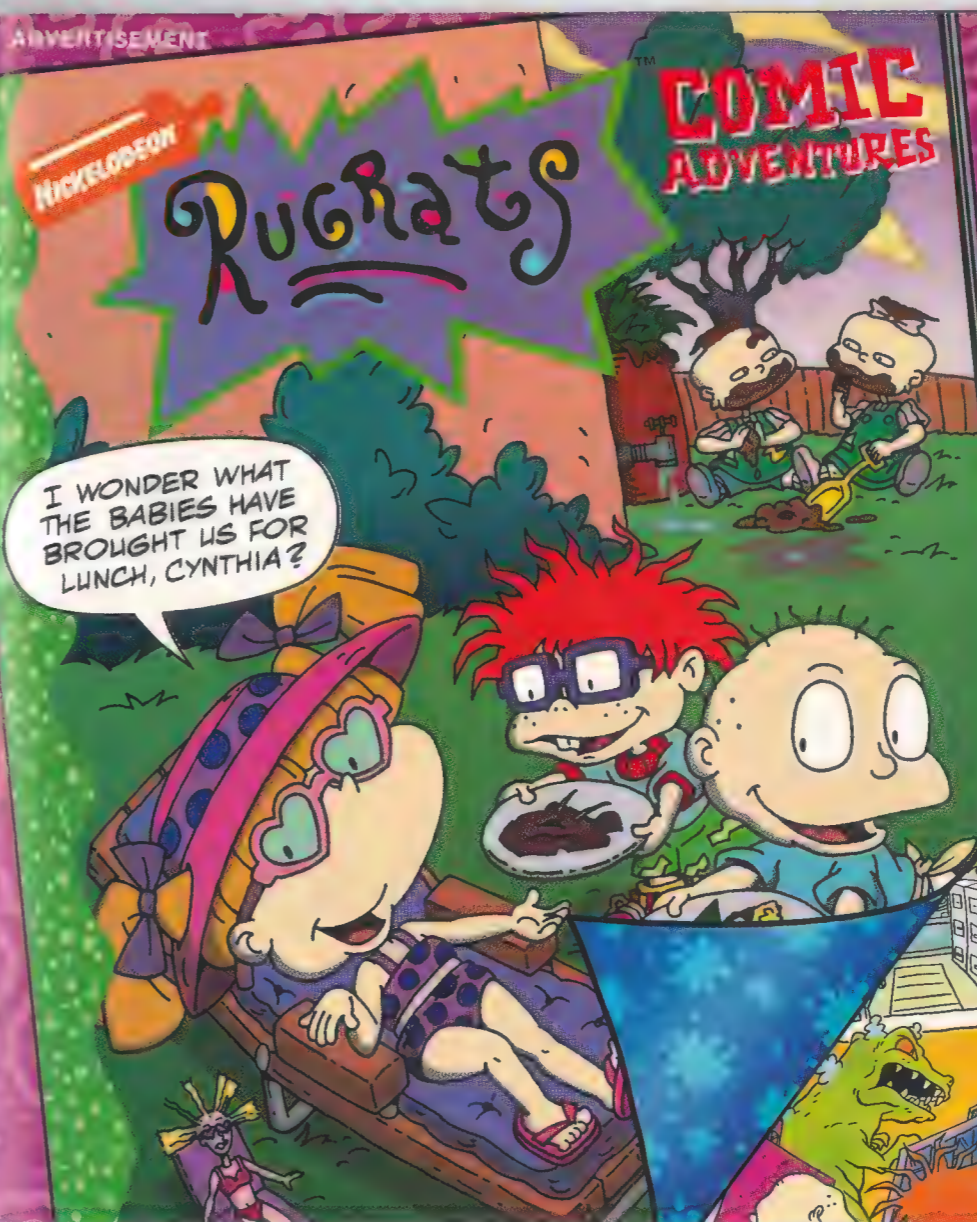
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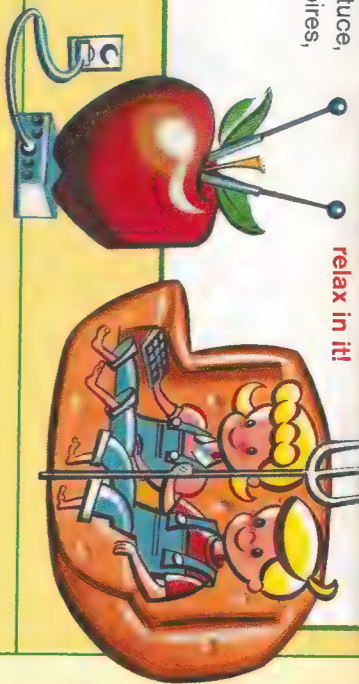


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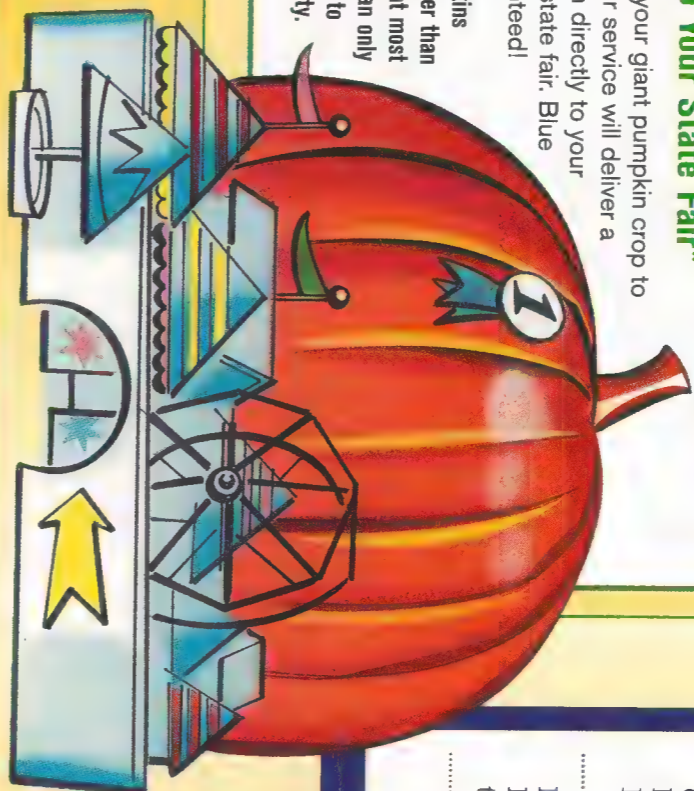


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FIELD DAY

We sent reporter **David Lewman** into the field to find out what it's like to be a farmer. He arrived shortly after sunrise at Centennial Farm in Costa Mesa, California, where more than 50,000 kids visit each year to learn about agriculture. He filed this report.

Real

1 Suit yourself

I've heard that farming is big business these days, so I dress appropriately. Gayle Cory, who's in charge of Centennial Farm, puts me to work right away "mucking out" a cow's stall. The idea is to rake out yesterday's straw and put in new straw—kind of like changing a very big litter box. There's a reason "muck" rhymes with "yuck." I decide to change my clothes.



2 A very big horse

Next, Gayle sends me off to feed the farm animals their breakfast. Dressed in my best Kentucky Derby outfit, I lead a Clydesdale (a type of workhorse) out of his stall to nibble a little grass. Actually, he leads me.

3 Got milk?

This calf is a Holstein, the breed that produces the most milk. But instead of giving milk, this youngster is drinking it, pulling hard on the bottle and sucking down a quart of milk in less than a minute! Right at the end, the calf pulls so hard it yanks the end off the bottle and milk sprays everywhere. I decide to change my clothes again.



4 The nannies

It's still early in the morning, and every animal on the farm is hungry, including these goats. I offer them some carrot tops. Gayle tells me they'll eat just about anything. I hope that doesn't include my fingers.



He looks cooped up.

7 Who you calling chicken?

Next Gayle sends me into the chicken coop to gather eggs. Even though it's mid-morning, it's dark inside, so I carry a flashlight. I'm scared to reach under the hens, but I manage to find two eggs—one of which I drop.

8 Hoe, hoe, hoe

Okay, so I'm not very good with farm animals. Maybe I'll be better with vegetables. I start hoeing a field, but it's pretty hard work. "Say, buddy," I ask this scarecrow, "wouldn't a tractor be easier?"

Continued

5 Babewatch

Awww! Cute! Gayle lets me pet a piglet from a litter that was born just a few days ago. There's also another litter of piglets that's a little older. I wonder what they like to eat?



6 Shoo!

Yikes! They like to eat my Nikes! They don't take

real bites, but they do nip at the laces. When Gayle hands me one of the piglets to hold, it squeals, and its huge mother comes over to investigate. I leave the pen in a hurry and decide that I've had enough of feeding animals.





9 A big wheel

Hey, this is more like it! I can see for miles from up here! I can feel the wind in my face! I can turn the steering wheel! Now if only I could figure out how to start this thing....



11 Does this come with cheese?

Gayle rescues me from the cornfield and sends me to pick something called chard. When I heard the word *chard*, I thought I was going to get to eat something grilled. But this tastes *nothing* like a burger.



10 Field of screams

Planting is not really my specialty. Maybe I'd be better at picking. (My friends all say I'm very picky.) I head out into the cornfield and quickly get lost. Help! Where am I? Can anyone hear me—besides the ears of corn?



12 Whew!

Farming is really hard work—I've been here all morning and I'm worn out! And this hammock isn't very comfortable, either!



13 Please don't eat the microphone

I've decided that I'm not really cut out to be a farmer. Before I leave Centennial Farm, though, I get an exclusive interview with the sow who didn't like it when I held one of her piglets. "Excuse me, ma'am, do you think I was right to forget about being a farmer?"



14 "Without a snout!"

BONUS BUSHEL OF FARM FACTS

To round out my knowledge of farming, I asked Gayle Cory, coordinator of Centennial Farm, to explain the difference between...

...hay and straw? "Hay is what the animals eat. It has little leaves on it and is nutritious. Straw is what they sleep on. It's just an empty plant shaft."

...the sound a sheep makes and the sound a goat makes? "They're very, very close. Sometimes if I'm not looking, I can't tell which one's making the noise."

...brown eggs and white eggs? "No difference—just the breed of hen they come from. There are also green eggs, which come from Araucana chickens and have a light-green tint."

...a bushel and a peck? [laughs] "Oh, gosh, don't ask me that! It's bring-out-the-dictionary time." [A peck is a measure equivalent to two gallons, and a bushel is eight gallons, or four pecks.]

...feeding and slopping? "It's the same thing. Few people use the term *slopping* anymore, but farmers used to have a kind of mixture that was basically garbage—or slop—and the pigs would eat it. They'll eat just about anything." —D.L.

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In the new movie *The Waterboy*, Adam Sandler plays Bobby Boucher, a college football team's water boy who gets picked on until it turns out he has a talent for tackling. We flooded Adam with questions.



Real



The Sandler Boy

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:

What was the hardest thing about making *The Waterboy*?

ADAM SANDLER: I shot some scenes on the football field with guys who play college and professional football, and they didn't realize that even their half-speed tackles would knock the wind out of me. Thank goodness I had a stuntman.

Did you have to do any special training to get in shape?

I was supposed to, but instead I just sat in my trailer and ate cheeseburgers.

Did you interview any water boys to prepare for the movie?

I hung out with a few water boys at Penn State while the football team was practicing. They passed on some inside tips.

Like what?

Well, the water should be clean. If you just take a spoon and

remove any ants that crawled in, the players appreciate it. That's probably a good tip for everyday life, too. Say you're at a restaurant and they bring you a lemonade with a moth in it. You take the moth out and let him fly free. That way, every time you sip, you don't have the moth touching your lips.

That's brilliant.

Well, I'm not a genius, but I do know what people like.

Were there any pranks on the set while you were filming?

Jerry Reed [who plays Coach Red Beaulieu] paid a cop to come arrest me. The cop pulled out his handcuffs and I was definitely

nervous, thinking "Why am I getting arrested?" But then I saw Jerry laughing, so I knew it was a joke.

Did you play football as a kid?

Yes, I played quarterback, but I was so young I never even knew who I was trying to pass the ball to. I'd just throw it and hope somebody would catch it. Even if it was intercepted, I was happy *somebody* got it.

You can always throw it to me.



Were you the class clown?

I did try to make people laugh when I could, but I'd pick and choose times to be funny—ones that wouldn't get me in trouble.

We're working on our Farm Issue. Did your mother ever tell you that your room looked like a pigsty?

Oh, that was a daily event. I remember she would always yell at me about making the bed and tucking in the corners.

What's your room like now?

I'm rebelling at age 31, so I still never make my bed.

Did you have any weird habits when you were a kid?

I used to sleep on the kitchen floor sometimes, because the tiles were so cool. On a summer night it felt nice. I would bring my blanket and pillow, and in the morning my mother would come in and say, "What are you, nuts? Go to bed."

Imagine it's 1979 and you're back in a seventh grade class, daydreaming that a major rock band calls, wanting you to fill in as their lead guitarist. Who's on the other end of the phone?

David Lee Roth. He's asking me to step in for Eddie [Van Halen].

Your dream Thanksgiving dinner: pizza or turkey?

Turkey, because I live alone, and I don't cook much of anything, let alone turkey. On occasion, I'll have a turkey-flavored hot dog. But when mom brings out the turkey, it's a

nice feeling. And it's a nice feeling to watch my dad cut it up. Pizza is too easy. It always comes presliced.

Can you predict what your relatives will say to you this Thanksgiving?

I guarantee that two or three of the family members will say to me, "When are you going to grow up?" They pretend they want me to grow up, but anytime I say something grown up, they look disappointed.

Do you like having so many kids as fans?

They're my favorite part of doing what I'm doing. I love it when I'm on a golf course and a kid comes up to me and does the Happy Gilmore swing. I love hearing what kids have to say about the movies I've done. And I like *The Waterboy* because I know it's a good movie for nice kids who get picked on.

How do you spend your free time?

I have a basketball court in my backyard, so my buddies and I play a lot of basketball. But last summer, I broke my wrist, so I couldn't do much besides a lot of eating. I have a whole lot of chins to prove that.

If you weren't an actor, what would you have become?

I have no idea. I don't have too many skills—I would probably still be sleeping on the kitchen floor.

ON-SCREEN ADAM



AIRHEADS, 1994



BILLY MADISON, 1995
"This was the first movie I got to write with my friend Tim Herlihy, so it means a lot to me."



HAPPY GILMORE, 1996



THE WEDDING SINGER, 1998
Who sings better, Billy Madison or Robbie Hart from *The Wedding Singer*? "I guess it's Robbie Hart's job to sing on key, but when Billy Madison is in the shower, he doesn't miss a note."

THE SANDLER BOX

But subject to elementary school:
Social studies

What year is elementary school?
"Sixth grade. We had first through sixth grades at my school, so my friends and I considered ourselves the oldest and wisest."

What year is elementary school?
"First through third grade was tough due to the amount of times I didn't make it to the bathroom in time."

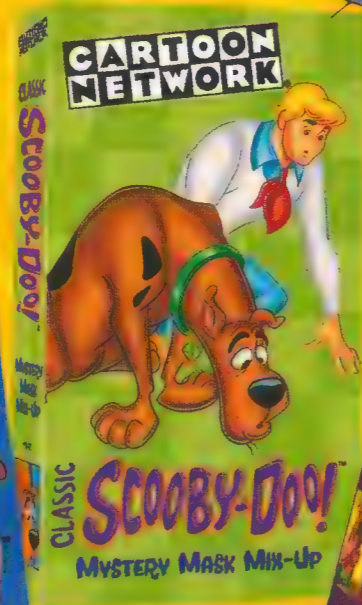
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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 November is National Drum Month. 	2 North and South Dakota become the 39th and 40th states, 1889. You gotta take the good with the Badlands. 	3 	4 Skinny on the Skins #1: Drums are part of the percussion family, which also includes cymbals, tambourines, xylophones, gongs, and triangles. 	5 	6 Skinny on the Skins #2: There are more than 3 million professional and amateur drummers in the U.S. 	7 Marie Curie, physicist, born, 1867. She was a real Curie pie.
8 Operating-Room Nurse Week begins. Scalpel! 	9 	10 Sinbad, comedian, born, 1956. Sinbad set sail today. 	11 Leonardo DiCaprio, actor, born, 1974. He's a Scorpio, not a Leo. VETERANS DAY 	12 Sammy Sosa, baseball player, born, 1968. He was a big hit with his family. 	13 Friday the 13th. Avoid black cats. Oh, too late. 	21 Festival of Trees in Davenport, Iowa. Bark if you love trees.
15 Skinny on the Skins #3: Timpani, or kettledrums, were once made of turtle shells. Today they're made of copper. 	17 Daisy Fuentes, cohost of America's Funniest Home Videos, born, 1966. She was fresh as a Daisy. 	18 National Holiday in Oman. Oman's gotta do what Oman's gotta do. 	19 Skinny on the Skins #4: More than 30 million pairs of drumsticks were sold in the world last year. 	20 Thanksgiving. Please pass the yams. 	26 Karl Benz, automobile manufacturer, born, 1844. He had a lot of drive. 	27 Jimi Hendrix, guitarist and singer, born, 1942. Kiss the sky.
22 Jamie Lee Curtis, actress, born, 1958. Drink lots of H2O. 	23 Skinny on the Skins #5: The West African talking drum can be played to sound like speech. 	24 Skinny on the Skins #6: Drumheads (the parts you hit with a drumstick) are often made of Kevlar, a material used in bulletproof vests. 	25 Ben Stiller, actor, born, 1965. There's something about Ben. 	28 William B. Yeats, painter and poet, born, 1864. Tiger Tiger, how bright he is. Please, tiger, don't give us a cat. 	29 Annual meeting of the Radiological Society. North America begins. You would even say it glows. 	30 Ben Stiller, actor, born, 1965. There's something about Ben.

Give Her a Read



Real

Author **Lois Lowry** has written 25 novels, including *The Giver*, which won the Newbery Medal for best children's book in 1994. *The Giver* tells the story of 12-year-old Jonas, who lives in a future world where everyone's memories are controlled so that no one ever feels discomfort or sadness or fear. Luckily, Lois let us tap into the contents of her very imaginative mind.

by DeDe Lahman

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:

The Giver is about memories.

What's your earliest memory?

LOIS LOWRY: A doorway with flowers around it. It's from our house in Hawaii, where I lived until I was two-and-a-half years old.

When did you start writing stories?

I was writing on my own from the age of eight.

Did anything from your childhood inspire you to write *The Giver*?

My father was an army officer, and when I was eleven, we moved to Japan. I was excited about living in a foreign country, but my parents chose an American-style house in a community of similar houses surrounded by a wall. They thought it would be familiar and not scary for us kids, but it made me very angry. That experience—of people creating a place where nobody would feel out of the ordinary—went into *The Giver*. To me, there is an underlying danger when you try to create a place where nobody is different.



Is there a book that really inspired you as a kid?

When I was eight my mother read to me from a book called *The Yearling* [by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings]. It's about a poor boy who lived in a Florida swamp. His life was so completely alien to mine, but I just slid into it, as if I were sliding into a warm bath.

What helps you get ideas for stories?

Doing solitary things, such as reading a book or walking my dog—I love my dog. I had a history of begging my parents for a dog and being told no. That's one of the good things about being an adult—you can get a dog if you want one.

I have a history of begging for treats.



What was it like to win the Newbery Medal for *The Giver*?

I didn't want to be sitting at home, waiting to hear [who would win]. I went on a boat trip to Antarctica, so I couldn't be reached. The Newbery committee somehow found the boat by radio, and a message saying I won was slipped under the door of my cabin. So I was at the bottom of the world when I got the news that made me feel as if I were on top of the world. Then it was frustrating not to be able to call anyone and tell them! □



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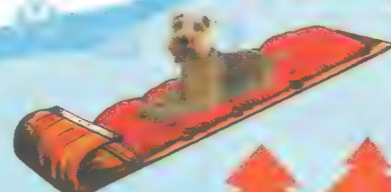
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Family:

Each Thanksgiving, thousands of _____ families like ours come together to offer thanks
for things such as food, shelter, happiness, _____s, and _____.

Before we begin this _____ meal, let's think back to the first Thanksgiving, when our
ancestors, the _____-Goody-Smiths, sat down to a meal of stewed _____.

It was on that day that an inventive young Pilgrim first slipped _____ under the table to
_____, the family's pet _____, starting a mealtime tradition we cherish

to this day. After dinner, the _____-Goody-Smiths went outside and threw a(n)
_____ around in the _____ cold, causing all _____
family members to catch the flu. Thus began another _____ Thanksgiving tradition.

I can tell from the look on your _____s that you can't wait to _____ the turkey
and taste the mashed _____. But first let's give thanks that we all made it through another
_____ year; we have plenty of _____ on the table and _____
_____ pies in the oven; and _____ has only _____ on the
couch once today!

I'll leave you with these famous Pilgrim words: "Good _____, good meat,
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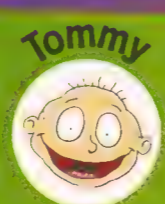


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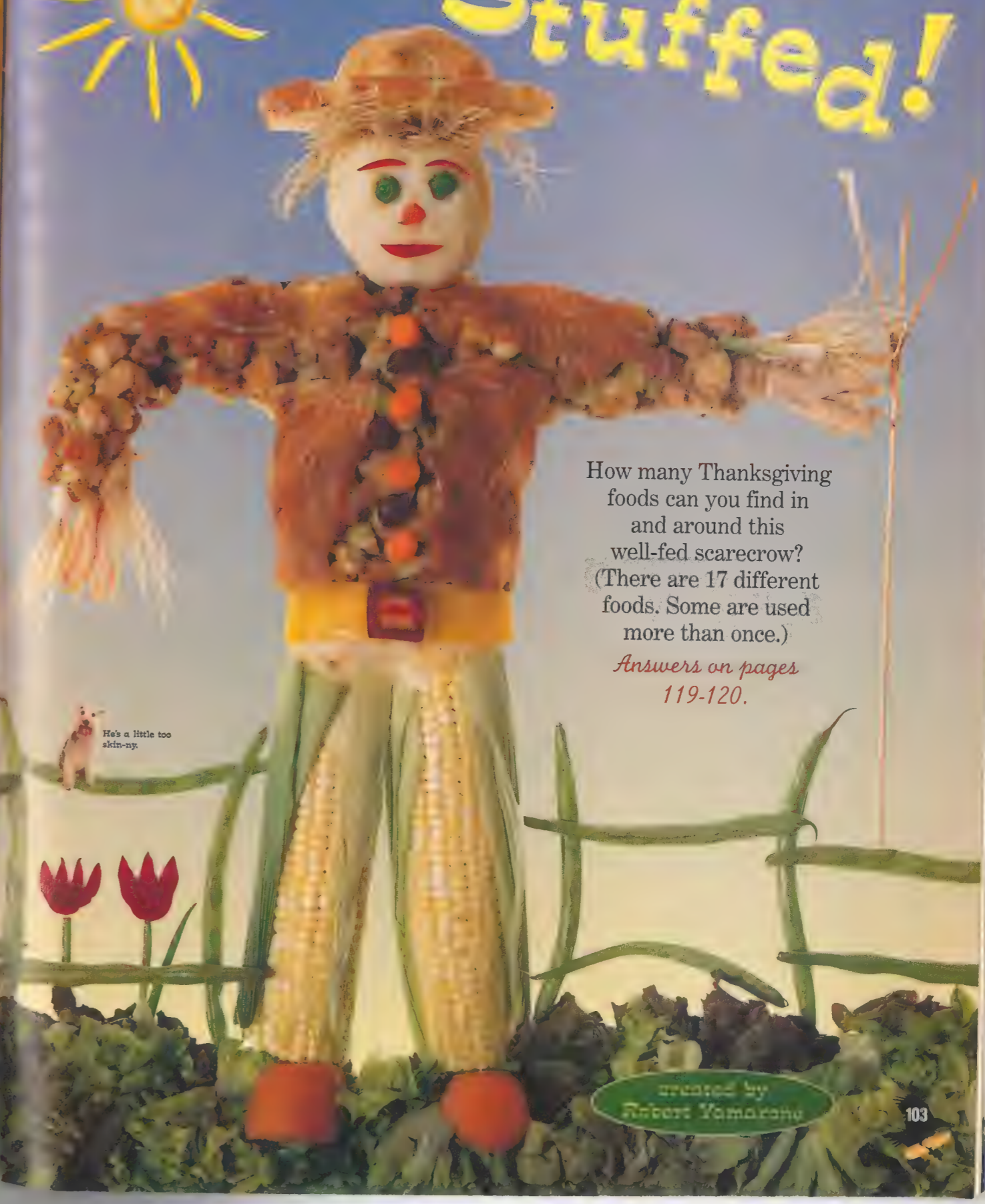


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He's Stuffed!



How many Thanksgiving foods can you find in and around this well-fed scarecrow? (There are 17 different foods. Some are used more than once.)

Answers on pages 119-120.

He's a little too skin-ny.

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Holiday Has-Beens

Christmas has jolly old Santa Claus.
Easter has the cute Easter Bunny.
Valentine's Day has the coy Cupid.
What about poor, lonely Thanksgiving?
Here's a list of some mascots who
tried to represent Thanksgiving but
didn't quite make the grade.



NAME	HOLIDAY FUNCTION	FAILED BECAUSE
The Gravy Fairy	Delivered gravy to sleeping children on Thanksgiving Eve	Gravy on pillow way too messy
Thomas Turkey	Announced Thanksgiving by clucking loudly as he ran past houses early in the morning	Killed and eaten, Thanksgiving 1982 <small>Tommy, we hardly knew ye.</small>
The Onion Bunny	Hid creamed onions in bushes for tots to find	No one bothered searching for creamed onions
The Stuffin' Man	Magically left stuffing inside turkey	Stabbed by turkey thermometer
Nap-Time Nellie	Made families sleepy after big holiday meals	Sued for trademark violation by the Sandman
Giblet King	Collected giblets and put them in plastic mesh bag inside turkey	Giblets extremely gross

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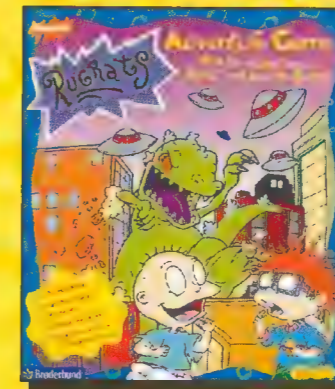
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Hey, Li'l Dil



In case you haven't heard, *The Rugrats Movie* introduces a new baby on the block: Dil Pickles. Like most newborns, he's cute, tiny, and very demanding. **Tara Charendoff.** We called her for the inside poop.

Reel



FULL NAME: Dylan Prescott Pickles
PLACE OF BIRTH: The Lipschitz Holistic Birthing Center
DELIVERED BY: Susie Carmichael's mother, Lucy
STRANGEST BABY-SHOWER GIFT: A goat, given to Didi by her father, Boris
FIRST TUG-OF-WAR: With Tammy, over a teddy bear
FIRST WORD: "Mine"
SECOND WORD: "Poopie"
FAVORITE WORD: "My," as in "My Blankie," "My Tammy," and "My Spike"



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What is it like to be the voice of a newborn baby?

TARA CHARENDOFF: It's very funny most of the time, because most of Dil's lines are written as direction, as in "Grandpa Lou throws Dil up in the air several times—Dil laughs and then vomits." So I sit in the recording booth and envision what a baby would sound like doing that. The director and I wind up laughing a lot.

How did you prepare for the role of Dil?

I didn't do special preparation for Dil, but I always listen closely to little kids' voices and record the cutest ones in my brain.

Did you do all Dil's crying, too?

Yes. In the beginning, the producers were planning to use recordings of a real crying baby for the crying parts. But one day I showed them how I could cry, and they stopped in the middle of the recording and said, "Whoa—that was too real. One of the writers is really sad." So, in the end, I did all of Dil's crying.



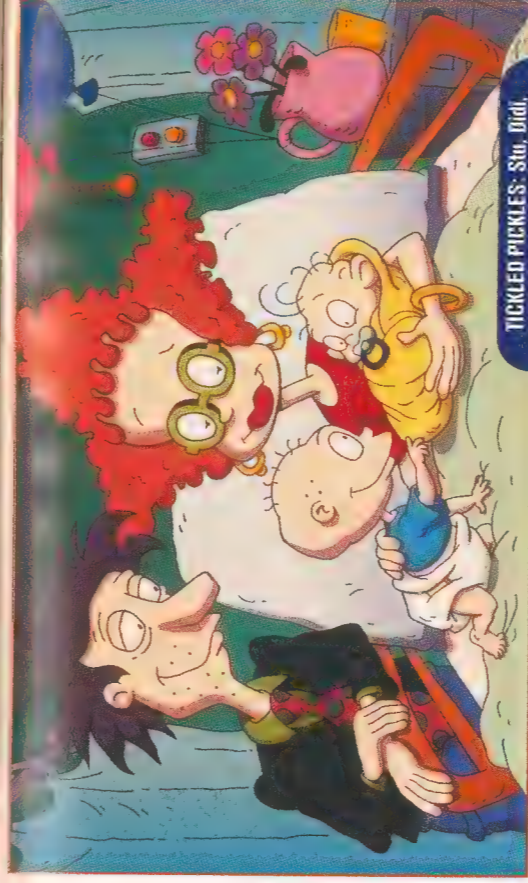
REPTAR-RAFTING: (from left) Tommy, Phil, Dil, Chuckie, and Lil in *The Rugrats Movie*.

Do you and the other *Rugrats* voices record together?

No. Chuckie, Tommy, Phil, and Lil usually record together, but I always work alone.

Which *Rugrat* are you most like?

I remember doing a lot of Angelica-type things when I was young. There's an episode where Angelica wants lots of presents, so she changes her hairstyle and says something like, "I'm not Angelica. I'm her twin sister, Landelica, and I get more presents." I remember when I was a kid thinking that I could have tricked my parents that way.



TICKLED PICKLES: Stu, Dil, and Tommy welcome baby Dil.

How did you get into doing voices?

I've done silly voices and accents since I was very little. My mom and I would go into a store and I'd say, "Let's pretend we're from England." So when I started acting and singing professionally in Toronto [Canada] and my agent suggested I try voice-over work, it was a natural.

What is your dream job?

Singing is my first love. I would do anything to go to New York and do a Broadway show. That would be so awesome.

What was your favorite voice-over role?

I once did a character who could stretch her skin out and pull herself apart. It was for a TV show called *The Garbage Pail Kids*, but it never aired because the network decided it was too disgusting.

How are you similar to Dil?

I never really thought of it before, but I'm also the youngest child.

Do you have any tricks for getting into character?

When I record, I really try to become the character. I was once recording the voice of a chipmunk, and I held my hands to my cheeks and puffed them out. I wasn't even aware of it until everybody burst out laughing after the recording. They said, "Did you become the chipmunk there, Tara?" □

The Rugrats Movie opens nationwide Friday, November 20.

Hey, Herb!

When was the last time you went horseback riding?

I went pony-trekking in northern Iceland a few years ago. It was an exhilarating trip. My wife and I, and about eight other people, led a flock of sheep to the Arctic Ocean. We



Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

rode Icelandic ponies, which are small horses, for two days straight—through snow fields and deep streams and over hills. It was great, but boy, was I sore afterward.

Have you ever broken a bone?

I broke a finger playing basketball back in high school. That's about it.

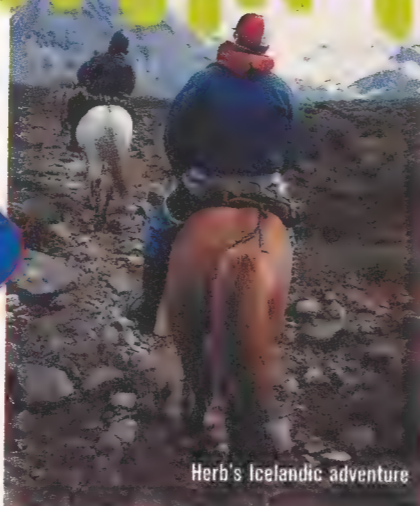
What's your favorite herb, Herb?

I like spicy stuff. Garlic is my favorite. I like it because it's kind of stinky.

Send your questions to:

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Herb's Icelandic adventure

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What's New on Nick

by Karen Jones

Turkey Time

Get your fill of turkey with a trio of special Thanksgiving episodes on Nick. In "The Turkey Who Came to Dinner," the Rugrats set out to free a turkey who has fallen beak over heels in love with Tommy's dog, Spike. The *Rugrats* special premieres Tuesday, November 10, at 8 PM. Next, check out the *Hey Arnold!* Thanksgiving special, in

which Arnold searches for the true meaning of the holiday, on Thursday, November 19, at 8 PM. Finally, on Saturday, November 21, at 9 PM, tune in to *Kenan & Kel* when the pair have a run-in with some relatives—and some live birds.

'Toon Much Is Never Enough

What Thanksgiving would be complete without stuffing, pumpkin pie, and the annual Non-Stop Nicktoons Weekend? Everyone is in the mix, from Ren and Stimpy to CatDog. Toon in all day every day from Thursday, November 26, through Sunday, November 29.

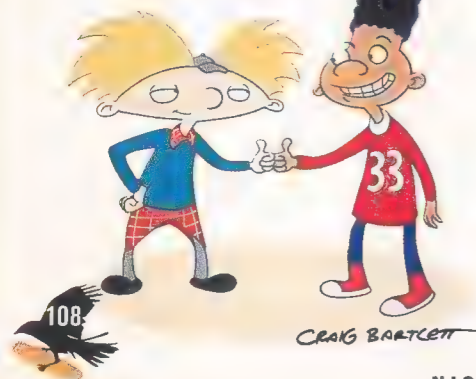
Behind the Bottles

In *The Making of The Rugrats Movie Special*, find out how those babies crawled their way out of the playpen and onto the big screen. The special premieres Monday, November 16, at 8 PM, and also airs Wednesday, November 18, at 8:30 PM.

Big Help Thanks

We expect Nick's fifth annual Big Help-A-Thon to be a huge success on October 17. Special thanks to all who call in to nominate parks in their towns.

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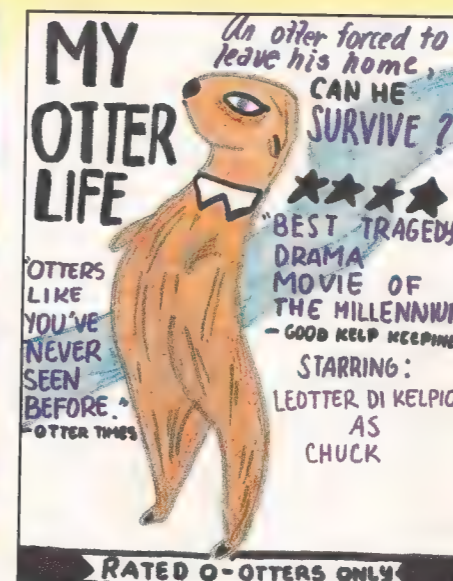
Movie Poster Contest

In our June/July issue, we asked you to design a poster for a made-up movie. These are our contest winners and honorable mentions.

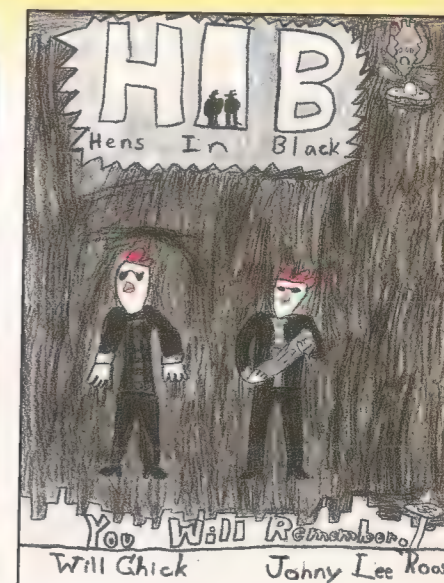
Winners



Godzelda*
Nathan C., age 14
Raynham, Massachusetts

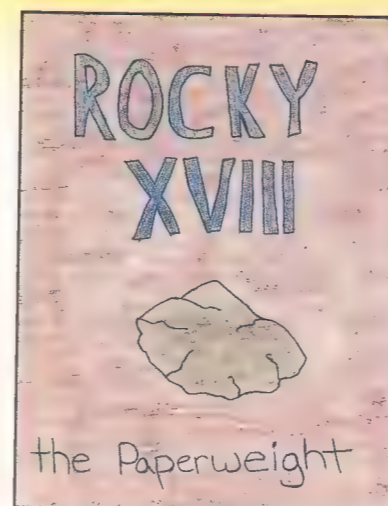


My Otter Life
Cyrene D.L.S., age 11
Bridgeview, Illinois

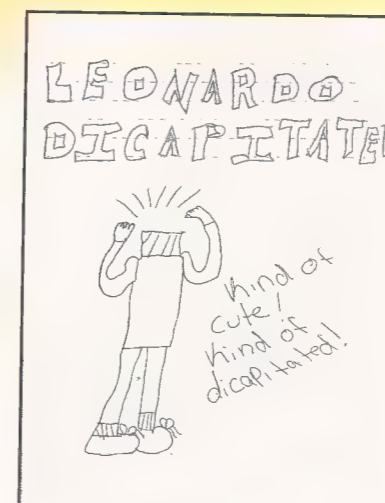


HIB: Hens in Black
Landon B., age 10
Springfield, Illinois

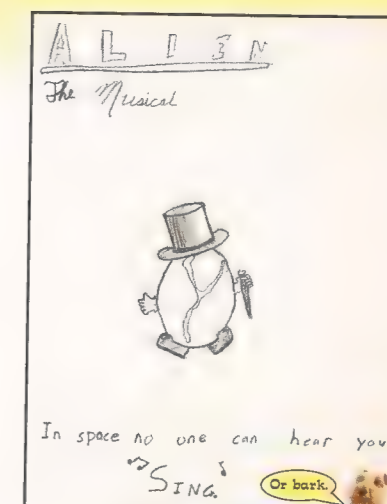
Honorable Mentions



Rocky XVIII: The Paperweight
Brittany K., age 13
Livermore, California



Leonardo DiCapitated
Tarah B.
Bloomington, Indiana



Alien, the Musical
Noah K., age 12
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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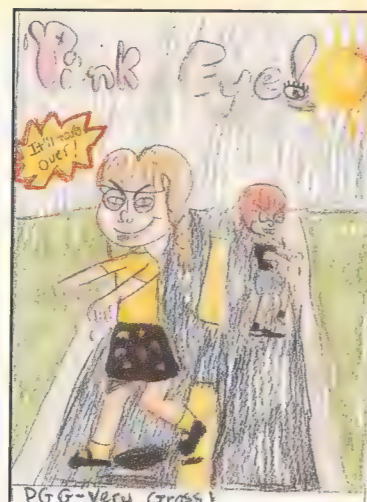
* Many of you sent posters with the same movie title.

More Movie Poster Contest

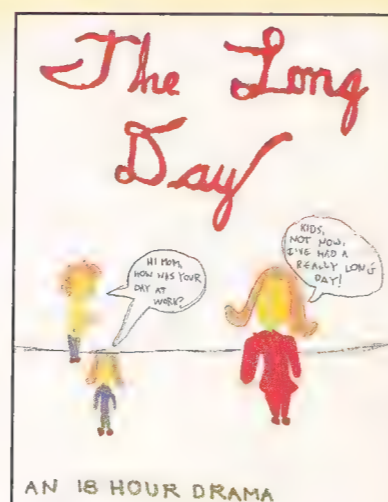
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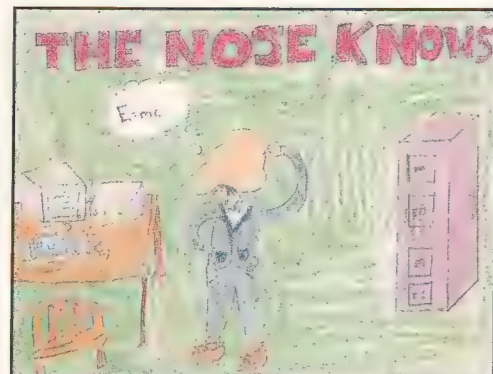
There's a Monkey in My Pants!
Mary Kate K., age 9
Marietta, Georgia



Pink Eye!
Courtney A., age 12
Woodbury, Minnesota



The Long Day
Matthew C., age 10
St. Charles, Missouri



The Nose Knows
Marient C., age 11
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Winners will receive a Nickelodeon backpack stuffed with the Nickelodeon book *Are We Having Fun Yet?*, Nickelodeon videos, a T-shirt, Gak, Smud, and more.

Thanks for all your entries.
They were so good, we could
almost smell the popcorn.

Say What? from the June/July issue

Your entries got us all keyed up.

Girl: It's my party, and I'll cry if I want to!
Boy: If you fall off that piano, I bet we'll see some crying!
Jordan T., age 9
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Girl: Look at me! I'm on top of the world!
Boy: Uh, no, you're just on top of the piano.
Devon Z., age 10
West Hartford, Connecticut

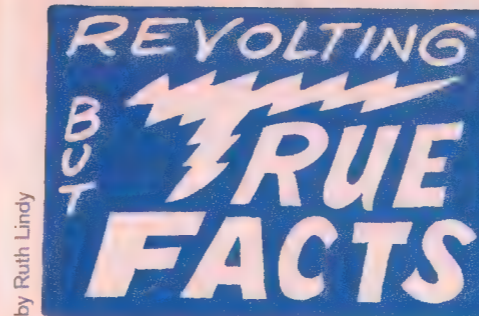
Girl: ...
Boy: I wonder when they'll figure out she's only lip-synching?
Stacy B., age 10
Austin, Texas

Girl: Next time I want to play the bass.
Boy: I'm going fishing next week. Maybe I can get her one.
Kyle V., age 10
Liberty, Missouri

Girl: Old MacDonald had a farm—E-I-E-I-O!
Boy: And on his farm he had a piano—P-I-A-N-O!
Galen H., age 10
Indianapolis, Indiana

Girl: Near, far, wherever you are...
Boy: This song *sinks*!
Jennifer U., age 12
Mt. Vernon, Indiana

Girl: So tell me what you want, what you really really want!
Boy: I'll tell you what I want, what I really really want. I want you to stop singing!
Nicola M., age 9
Tallahassee, Florida



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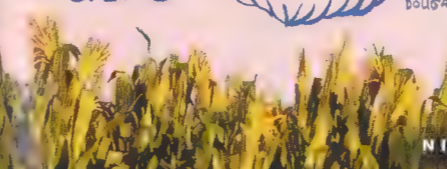
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Acrobat Ants



Acrobat ants (the black bugs) tending to their aphid herd (the little brown bugs).

by Bronwyn Carlton

What are they?

A species of ant that rounds up aphids, another type of insect. Acrobat ants get their name because they walk around with their abdomens (an insect's "tail" end) raised in the air.

Get along, li'l aphid

Aphids eat plant sap, which their bodies convert into a sugary fluid called honeydew (no relation to the melon). Several ant species, including acrobat ants, herd large groups of aphids, "milk" them for honeydew, and protect them from enemies.



Time to milk the bugs

Aphids excrete honeydew from a tube at the back of their bodies. The ant milks the aphids by stroking them gently with its antennae. Then the ant licks up the honeydew droplets and stores the liquid in a special part of its body called a crop or a social stomach.

Yummy, yummy, yummy, I've got dew in my tummy

After milking aphids, the ant returns to its nest, where it feeds other ants in the colony by vomiting the honeydew into their mouths. It sounds gross, but ants distribute their food like this all the time. Food that is to be shared is stored in the social stomach, which is close to the mouth—that means its contents can be thrown up more easily. Any food that isn't shared is pumped into the ant's lower stomach.

4-H champs among the ants

Though some other ant species herd aphids, acrobat ants actually construct little "barns" to shelter their livestock. The acrobat ants build the structures out of a papery material that they make by chewing up and spitting out plant fibers. The ants pack the stuff around tree twigs to make a little mound-like shelter with an entrance on one end. Then the acrobat ants can herd their aphids into the barn to keep them safe.

I'll be waiting till the aphids come home.

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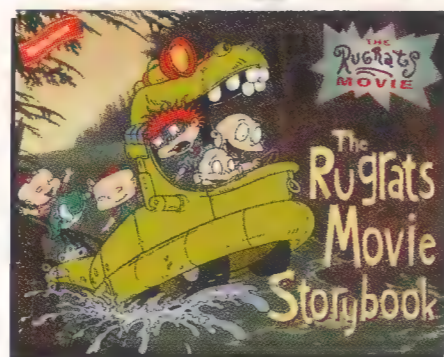
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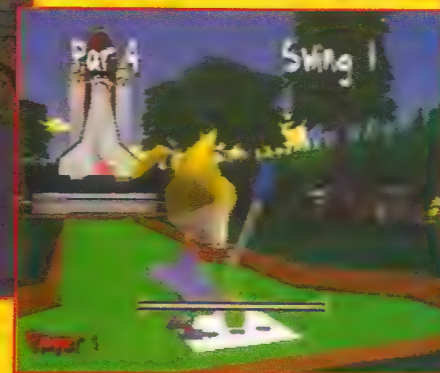


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ALL-ech CHEE thoowide OARTH-a ee sit my minned ee
LAN-fire-POOLL-gwin-gill-GO-gare-ich-WIM-drob-wooll-
llan-ta-SIL-ee-o-GO-GO-goch?

*A real town in Wales.

I am next in line to milk the cow.

Rydw i'n nesaf yn y llinett i ordo'r fuwch.

RUDD-oo EEN NES-a un a LLIN-et ee O-drawer VEE-ooch.

Are there any whales in Wales?

Oes morfilod yng Nghymru?

OYCE mor-VIL-od ung HYM-ree?

Do you fancy a game of rugby?

Ydych chi'n ffansio gêm rygbi?

UDD-ich cheen FAN-see-oo game RUG-bee?



Note: To make the LL sound, move your tongue as if you were going to say the letter L and hiss out of one side of your mouth.

On the
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Brandy



When Brandy isn't busy eating plain cheeseburgers (her favorite food) or starring on *Moesha* and in *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*, she's recording albums and singing duets with people such as Monica. Take the following quiz to see how well you know Brandy. Answers on pages 119-120.



- Brandy dedicated her song "Best Friend" to:
 - Jonathan Lipnicki.
 - Countess Vaughn.
 - Kobe Bryant.
 - her brother Ray J.
- Whitney Houston is Brandy's:
 - older sister.
 - biggest influence as a performer.
 - main songwriter.
 - archenemy.
- In Brandy and Monica's duet "The Boy Is Mine," Brandy sings, "There is no way you could mistake him for..."
 - a small country like Bahrain.
 - a dry cleaner—he can't remove a stain.
 - your man—are you insane?
 - my man—are you deranged?
- Brandy gets her hair re-braided every:
 - time she watches a *Brady Bunch* rerun.
 - three weeks.
 - three years.
 - three hours.
- Brandy released her first album when she was 15 years old.
 - True
 - False
- Brandy began her career singing the national anthem at tractor pulls.
 - True
 - False

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The Jokes

by David Lewman

Which farmer eats the most sandwiches?
The farmer in the deli.



Why did the puppy move into the field?
He wanted to be a corn dog.

Smart kid.

What did the modest farmer say when he won the corn-cleaning contest?
"Aw, shucks!"

Why can't clumsy farmers keep secrets?
They always spill the beans.

Why aren't horses afraid of earthquakes?
They live on stable ground.

Why did the rebel pee in the wheat field?
He wanted to go against the grain.

Can pigs go far in life?
The sty's the limit.

What did the farmer say when he finished making the scarecrow?
"That's the last straw!"

What group do young pigs join to learn about camping?
The Boy Snouts.

Why shouldn't you watch TV in a wheat field?
The picture is always grainy.

What's every pig's favorite game?
Wallow the Leader.

ANSWERS

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Plow Through This Quiz (page 14-5)
Moo-ving Multiple Choice (page 14):
1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-B, 5-B, 6-C, 7-A.

Above or Below? (page 15):
1-below, 2-above, 3-above, 4-below, 5-above.

Tilling the True and False (page 15):
1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-F, 10-T.

Singin' in the Grain (page 24):
1-"This Kiss," 2-"I'll Never Break Your Heart,"
3-"Intergalactic," 4-"Stop."

Horsing Around (page 38):



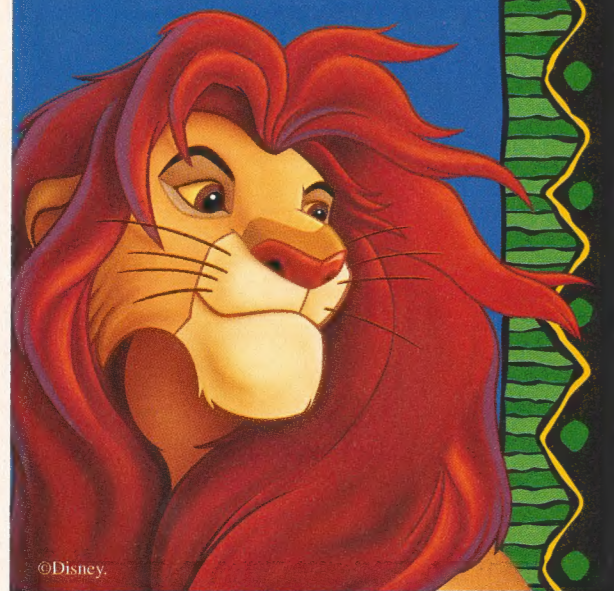
1-cowhide, 2-spring chicken, 3-nanny goat, 4-cat's cradle,
5-rocking horse, 6-watchdog, 7-clotheshorse, 8-goose
bumps, 9-hot dog, 10-pigpen, 11-bull's-eye.

See What Crops Up (pages 46-7):

1-pot a toe = potato; 2-prices = rice; 3-me long = melon;
4-ski with = kiwi; 5-beetles! = beet; 6-on. I once =
onion; 7-last ring! Be a nice = string bean; 8-Art. I
choked = artichoke; 9-nape. A chunk = peach; 10-cap.
Please = apple; 11-scornfully = corn; 12-a spar. A gust =
asparagus; 13-rut! A bag around = rutabaga; 14-gloated =
oat; 15-Bravo. Cad! Oh, = avocado; 16-car rotating =
carrot; 17-Pearl, = pear; 18-show. Heat = wheat;
19-or angel-hair = orange; 20-Suburban? An automobile
= banana; 21-car yet, = rye; 22-plumb = plum; 23-can.
Ta! Lou, pencil = cantaloupe; 24-peacefully = pea;
25 and 26-OK. Rapsallions = okra, scallion.

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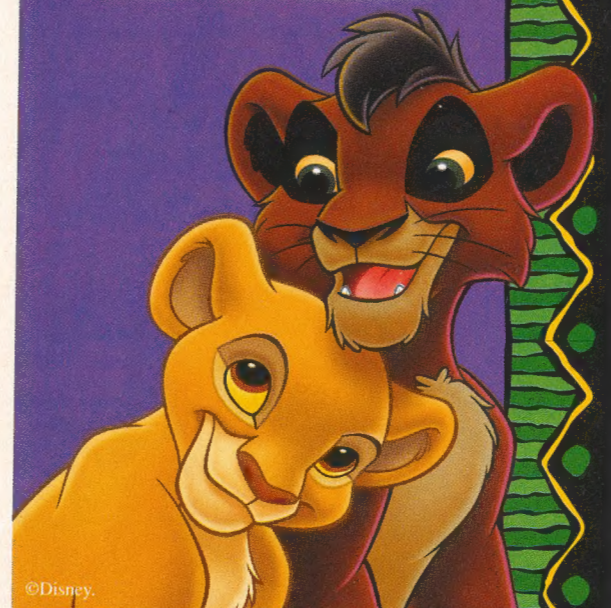


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Gone to Seed (page 72):

1-Baby's breath = Herb baby-sat; 2-Broccoli = Cool crib; 3-Carrots = Scar rot; 4-Cauliflower = Call our wife; 5-Chrysanthemum = Charm me shy nut; 6-Cucumber = Crumb cue; 7-Forget-me-not = Ten-foot germ; 8-Geranium = Gum in ear; 9-Honeysuckle = Eel so chunky; 10-Iceberg lettuce = Electric bee gut; 11-Impatiens = Is nap time; 12-Rutabaga = A tuba rag; 13-Snow peas = Nose swap; 14-Tomato = A motto; 15-Turnip = Nut rip.

Frieda's Forget-Me-Not Farm (pages 76-7):

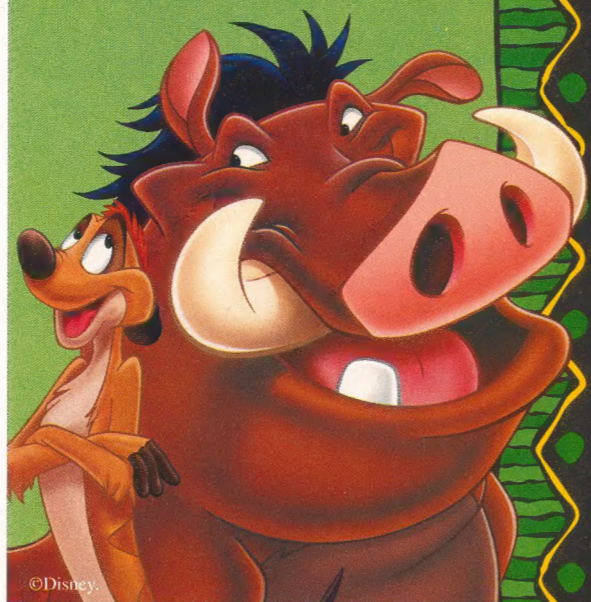
1-rooster, 2-turkey, 3-pig, 4-cow, 5-horse, 6-llama, 7-goat, 8-ostrich.

He's Stuffed! (page 103):

Scarecrow's head: bread (slice and roll for hat), mashed potato, scallions (hair), red pepper, peas, carrot. Scarecrow's body: stuffing, turkey (the hands are turkey meat, the shirt is turkey skin, and the pitchfork is a wishbone), carrots (buttons), cranberries (buttons), scallions (hands), yellow pepper (belt), beet, red pepper (belt buckle), corn on the cob (pants), yams (shoes). Sun: yellow squash, yellow pepper. Fence area: string beans, lettuce, beets, chives.

On the Beat (page 117): 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-B, 5-A, 6-B.

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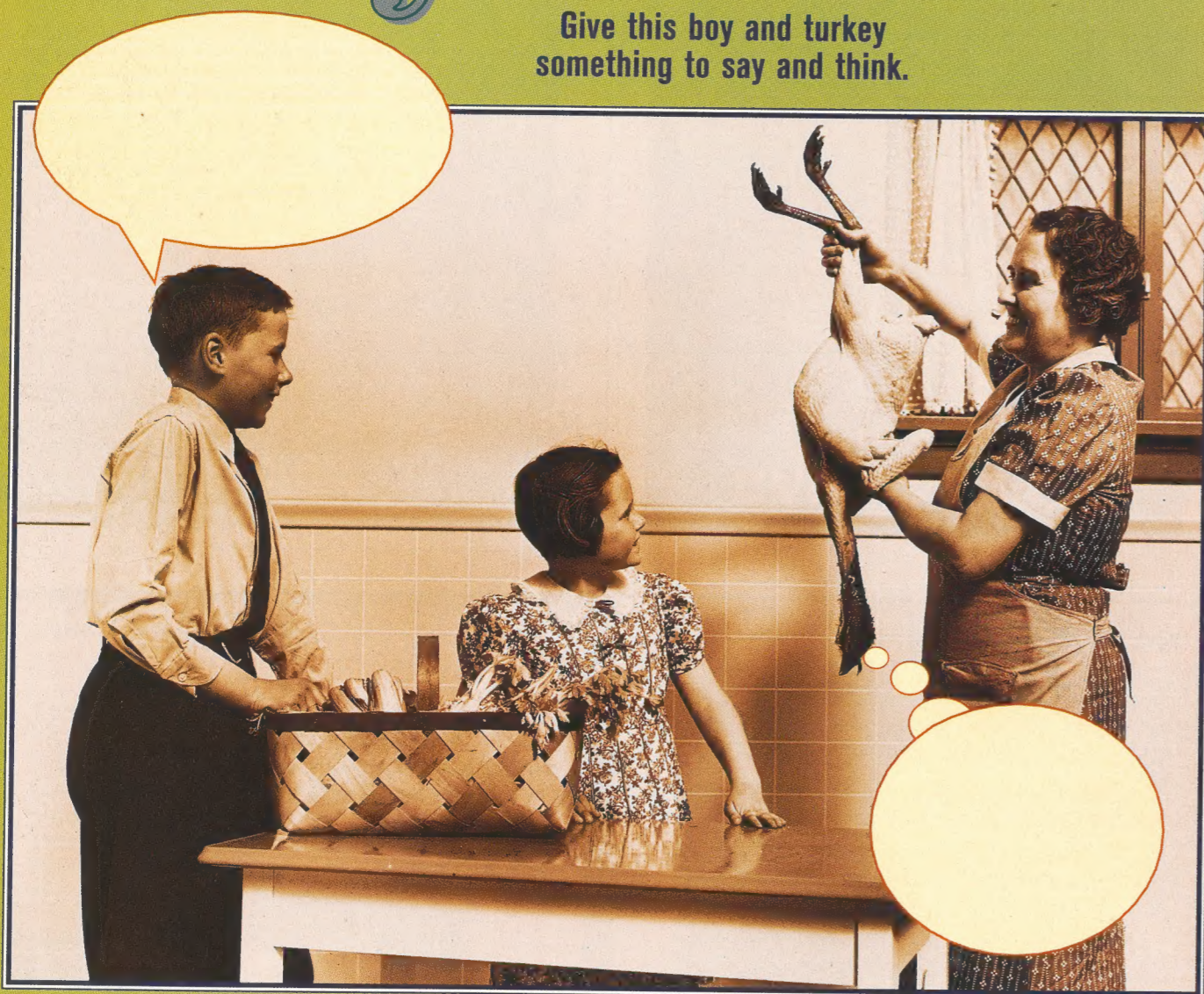


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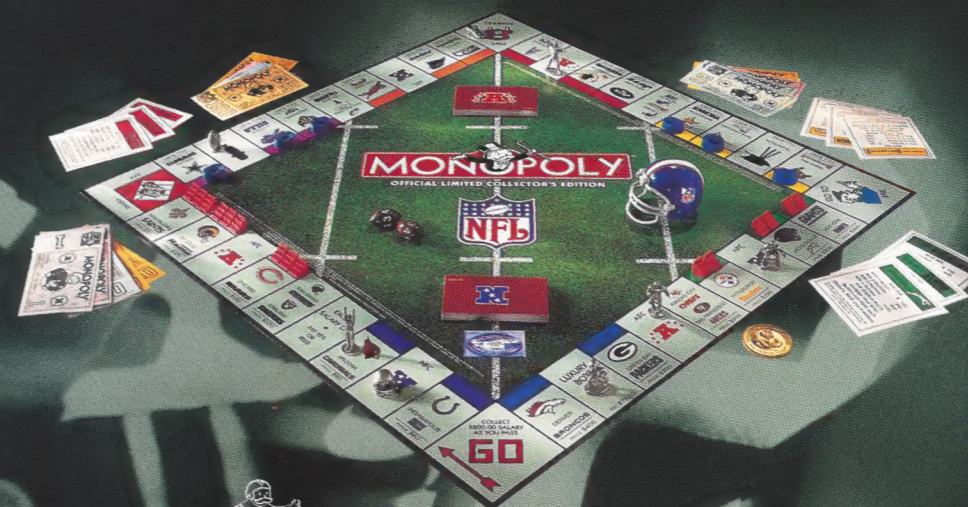
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